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To

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,

REGENT OF COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 3rd August 1928.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

WE HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the State for the year 1927-28, to which the several Departmental Reports are attached as usual.

2. *Constitution of the Regency Council.*—There was no change in the constitution of the Regency Council during the year under report. Maharaj-kumar Victor N. Narayan, Member, Regency Council, left India for England in April 1927 and has not yet returned.

3. *Judicial work of the Regency Council.*—The Council held 39 meetings on the Judicial side during the year under review against 42 of the previous year. The following statement shows the work done by the Regency Council, exercising the functions of a High Court, during 1927-28 :—

Nature of cases.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Disposed of									Pending at the close of the year.
			Decreed.	Dismissed.	Granted.	Rejected.	Modified.	Struck off.	Reversed.	Compromised.	Total.	
Civil.												
Regular Appeals (Title) ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
Miscellaneous appeals ...	4	4	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	7	1
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Special Appeals (Rent) ..	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1
Motions	1	7	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	8	...
Criminal.												
Appeals	6	9	...	5	...	5	3	...	...	...	13	2
Motions and References	6	13	...	...	1	10	1	...	6	...	18	1
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Miscellaneous Appeals ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
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Grand total	30	42	2	7	1	27	6	3	6	1	53	19

4. *Legislative work of the Council.*—There was no meeting of the Legislative Council nor any work relating to legislation during the year under report.

5. *Executive work of the Regency Council.*—On the Executive side of the Regency Council, 26 meetings were held against 12 of the previous year. Important questions requiring discussion in Council or matters in which there was a difference of opinion amongst the Members were taken up and disposed of in the meetings that were held. All other matters were disposed of by circulating the papers among the Members. The Executive work of the Council is dealt with under the three following heads:—

I.—General.

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—General.

6. *His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur's departure for England.*—His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur left Cooch Behar for England on the 3rd of April 1927, for his education. His Highness' departure being a public one there was a general holiday in the State in honour of the occasion.

7. *Transfer of control of the two markets in the Cooch Behar Town from the Revenue Department of the State to the Town Committee, Cooch Behar.*—The work of collection of tolls from the stalls of the markets has been made over to the Town Committee during the year under report. A Sanitary Inspector has been appointed by the Town Committee, who is responsible for the sanitation of the whole town including the markets.

8. *Disbandment of the State Band.*—Under Your Highness' instructions, the Regency Council accorded sanction to the disbandment of the State Band with effect from the 16th December, 1927. The Bandsmen were each granted in lieu of notice a gratuity equal to three months' pay under Article 436 of the Civil Service Regulations as also pension or gratuity to which each of them was entitled under the rules.

9. *Amendment of the rules for convening a Full Bench of the Judicial Committee of the Regency Council.*—In the Memorandum of Administration dated the 4th December, 1891, remodelling the constitution of the Council, it was laid down that a Full Bench on the Judicial Side should consist of all the Members with the Maharaja as President. As it was considered necessary in the present conditions to amend the rule, it was ordered with the approval of the Government of Bengal that during the period of the present Minority Administration in the State, a Full Bench would consist of three or more Members of the Regency Council with the Vice-President as President in the absence of Your Highness as President.

10. *Appointment of Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, District and Sessions Judge of Pabna, on leave preparatory to retirement, as Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.*—With the approval of the Government of Bengal, the Regency Council appointed Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, District and Sessions Judge, Pabna, on leave preparatory to retirement, as Civil and Sessions Judge and Registrar of Deeds of the State for a period of four years with effect from the 1st December, 1927 on the retirement of Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee from the State service.

11. *Formation of a Public Health Department under the Civil Surgeon of the State.*—For the purpose of better combating epidemic diseases—more especially Cholera, Small-pox, Kala-azar and Malaria, the Regency Council accorded sanction to the formation of the Public Health Department for the State consisting of one Sanitary Officer (Assistant Surgeon), three Sanitary Inspectors (Sub-Assistant Surgeons), twenty-five Vaccinators, three medicine carriers and three Sweepers with effect from the 1st October, 1927. The total cost of the Scheme is Rs. 15,800 a year including Travelling allowance, Disinfectants and Medicines, Contingencies and House allowance. The Sanitary Officer has been given one Sanitary Inspector in reserve whom he can send out in case of emergencies to any particular place. For the purpose of proper administration of the Department, the State has been divided into two divisions I—Sudder, Dinhata and Tufanganj, II—Mathabhanga and Mekligunj. To each of the two divisions, one Sanitary Inspector has been posted. Owing to the formation of this department, the existing provisions amounting to Rs. 4,971 under "Vaccination" and "Sanitation" in the Medical Budget are no longer required. Deducting this amount from Rs. 15,800 which is the total cost of the Scheme, the extra cost per annum for the department is Rs. 10,829 or Rs. 11,000 approximately.

12. *Adoption in the State Offices of the Government system of keeping the cash and the accounts of an Office in charge of different persons.*—The Government of Bengal forwarded through the Political Agent for the Cooch Behar State a copy of their letter No. 857-963F., dated the 14th February, 1927 of the Finance Department laying down the rule that where an office contains two or more clerks, the cash and the accounts of that office should be in charge of different officers. The Regency Council have adopted the rule for the State offices. Necessary changes have been made by a proper redistribution of duties, without any increase in establishment.

13. *Determination of the portions remaining to be settled of the Cooch Behar-Jalpaiguri Boundary.*—Determination of the boundaries of strips Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Mr. Hart's Section of the boundary was completed during the year under report by Mr. C. A. O'Donnel, retired Deputy Superintendent of Surveys on behalf of the Government of Bengal, and Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar, representing the Cooch Behar State. A joint report on the above as also on the fixing of the missing boundary pillars along Colonel Hirst's Section of the boundary has been received from the Director of Land Records, Bengal. The report now awaits the approval of Government.

14. *The Cooch Behar State participating in the deliberations of the 7th Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine held in Calcutta in December 1927.*—The Civil Surgeon of Cooch Behar was permitted to attend the Congress and his travelling allowance for the purpose was borne by the State.

15. *Topographical Survey of the Cooch Behar State.*—The Government of Bengal in their letter No. 11400P., dated the 24th August, 1927, requested the Political Agent for the Cooch Behar State to ascertain whether the Cooch Behar Durbar would be willing to contribute towards the cost of the proposed Topographical Survey of the Cooch Behar State during the periods 1927-28 and 1928-29. The Political Agent was informed in reply to his Memo. No. 3178J., dated the 27th August, 1927, forwarding a copy of the aforesaid Government letter that the Regency Council considered that the survey would be a very useful one and they

were accordingly prepared to contribute up to Rs. 12,000 towards the cost of the survey. It was also stated in the reply that it would be convenient if the amount of the contribution could be spread over two years, *viz.*,—1928-29 and 1929-30. Necessary provision of Rs. 6,000 has accordingly been made in the Revenue Budget of the State for 1928-29 and a similar amount will be provided in the Budget of 1929-30.

16. *Appointment of persons other than natives of the State to fill up the occasional vacancies in the State Offices.*—It was decided by the Regency Council that in future whenever it was proposed to take into the State service any person not being a native of the State, a reference must be made to the Vice-President, Regency Council. This order does not, however, refer to the enlistment of Sepoys in the State Military Force and of Constables in the Police Force or to the appointment of Mahuts in the Philkhana and of menials.

17. *Resettlement.*—During the year under report Terijes (Records of rights) supported by maps were distributed to the Jotedars and the various grades of under-tenants on the completion of the Settlement operations. The Revenue rolls of the whole State were revised in conformity with the Briddhi Jama lists supplied by the Settlement Department and the collection of revenue was made accordingly from the commencement of the year. Rents were also collected by the superior land-lords from their under-tenants in accordance with the Terijes supplied to them. Srijut Karali Charan Ganguli, Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, whose services had been lent to the State by the Government of Bengal in 1920 reverted during the year to Government service leaving the charge of the Settlement Department with Srijut Himadribullabh Biswas, Naib Ahilkar, who was placed under the control of the Revenue Officer of the State.

18. *Extension of the supply of Electrical current in the Town of Cooch Behar.*—A provision of Rs. 1,57,000 was made in the Electrical Department Budget for 1927-28 to meet the cost of Mr. Eastgate's Scheme relating to the expansion of the Electrical system of the Cooch Behar town. The amount was, however, reduced to Rs. 1,16,000 in the Revised Budget out of which Rs. 1,12,207 was expended. The delails of expenditure are shewn below :—

		Rs.
(*a*)	Payment of 80 per cent of the cost of engines, dynamoes, switch-board &c., and the cost of their installation.	69,403
(*b*)	Payment of the cost of street poles, copper wires, insulators &c., and the cost of their erections.	36,071
(*c*)	Payment of the cost of inside equipment ...	1,474
(*d*)	Payment of the cost of 50 ceiling fans ...	5,259
	Total ...	1,12,207

19. *Public Works Department.—Works.*—The provision of Rs. 8,54,976 made in the Public Works Department Budget for the year under report was reduced to Rs. 7,88,928 in the Revised Budget of that year. Consequently, some of the works mentioned in paragraph 15 of the previous year's report had to be eliminated from the programme of works for the year 1927-28.

A provision of Rs. 9,50,895 has again been made in the Public Works Department Budget for the year 1928-29 and the following are the important works included in the programme :—

		Rs.
(1.)	Combined quarters for the Assistant Jailor and the Compounder.	14,000
(2.)	Two Sub-Inspectors' quarters at Dinhata ...	12,200
(3.)	Quarters for the Mistresses of the Sunity Academy.	20,000
(4.)	New Court house at Dinhata	22,300
(5.)	Military Barracks with kitchen and latrine	68,000
(6.)	Guard Room for the Military	14,000
(7.)	Construction of two Additional Naib Ahilkars' quarters at Sudder.	16,000
(8.)	Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Dinhata ...	14,000
(9.)	Reconstruction of the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Mathabhanga.	12,100
(10.)	Quarters for the Inspector of Police at Mathabhanga.	8,000
(11.)	Electrical Engineer's quarters	14,500
(12.)	Half-ton Ice Factory	12,000
(13.)	Green paddy Godown and Husk shed for the Rice Mill.	28,000
(14.)	Extension of drying platform for the Rice Mill.	11,500
(15.)	Construction of a building for the State Press.	56,000
(16.)	Howdah and Grain godown	10,000
(17.)	Drainage Scheme for the town ...	1,05,000
(18.)	Improvement of the Patlakhawa Road including berm road.	20,000
(19.)	Cart road from the railway Goods shed to the town.	11,000
(20.)	Berm road to Lowkuti road up to Kaljani...	10,000

20. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The total rain-fall recorded at the Cooch Behar Town during the year under report was 143·73 inches against 128·92 inches of the previous year or an increase of 14·81 inches. Paragraph 12 of the Annual Raport of the Revenue Department for the year 1927-28 appended, shews in details the effect of the rain-fall on the several crops.

21. *Debutter Department.*—The total sum disbursed in the Debutter Department amounted to Rs. 57,537 against Rs. 62,357 in the previous year or a decrease of Rs. 4,820. Details are shewn under Section IV of the aforesaid Annual Report for 1927-28 submitted by the Revenue Officer of the State.

22. *Pooneah Ceremony for* 1334 *B.S.*—Pooneah Ceremony for the year 1334 B.S. was performed on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May, 1927 by Rai Bahadur H. L. Khastgir, M.A., Revenue Officer. As His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur was absent from the State, the Pooneah Durbar was not held.

II.—Financial.

23. The Revenue (actual) of the year 1927-28 amounted to Rs. 41,58,104 against Rs. 41,72,149 anticipated in the Revised Budget of the year or a decrease of Rs. 14,045 and the Expenditure (actual) to Rs. 37,33,985 against Rs. 41,53,844 provided in the Revised Budget of the year or a decrease of Rs. 4,19,859. There was thus a surplus of

Rs. 4,24,119 inclusive of the sum of Rs. 3,00,000 set apart for the Reserve Fund. The actual surplus was therefore Rs. 1,24,119 against Rs. 18,305 anticipated in the Revised Budget for 1927-28.

The Revenue of the year under report showed an increase of Rs. 1,72,287 and the Expenditure a decrease of Rs. 3,91,163 in comparison with the Revenue (Rs. 39,85,817) and the Expenditure (Rs. 41,25,148) of the previous year.

The increase of Rs. 1,72,287 in Revenue was mainly due to increases under :—

	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—	
(b) Stamps	1,26,918
(c) Excise	43,301
III.—Miscellaneous.—	
(b) Jail	37,610
(d) Public Works	8,754
(e) Sundries	9,952
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	32,960

There were, on the other hand, decreases in Revenue, particularly under :—

	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—	
(a) Land Revenue	48,108
(e) Sundries	44,432

The decrease of Rs. 3,91,163 in expenditure was due to decreases under various heads, notably under :—

	Rs.
II.—Administration.—	
3. Revenue	58,009
III.—State Ceremonial Department ...	77,259
VII.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—	
(c) Panga Estate	15,626
IX.—Repayment of Debts	4,86,432
Deposit with Eastern Bengal Railway for Capital Expenditure	30,350

Increase in expenditure is noticeable under :—

I.—Civil List	1,14,131
II.—Administration.—	
2. General—	
(f) Medical	6,000
(h) Public Works	1,17,252
V.—Miscellaneous	27,029
VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	15,566

The details are given in the annexed Statement I. furnished by the Audit Officer.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

24. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during 1927-28 compared with 1926-27 :—

	For the year.	
	1926-27.	1927-28.
	Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings	4,87,497	5,20,456
Working expenses	2,23,862	2,39,428
Net earnings	2,63,635	2,81,028
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings	45·92	46·00

25. *Municipalities.*—The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees of the State during the year 1927-28 :—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar	65,469	47,862
Dinhata	10,719	11,195
Mathabhanga ...	6,415	8,274
Haldibari	10,713	10,569

26. In the Budget Estimates for the year 1928-29, the Revenue and the Expenditure have been estimated at Rs. 41,92,196 and Rs. 40,99,779 respectively, showing a surplus of Rs. 92,417. The amount provided as Expenditure includes Rs. 2,00,000 for the Reserve Fund.

27. Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan, Member Regency Council, being still in England, this Report is, as in the previous year, submitted without his signature.

We have the honour to be
Your Highness'
Most obedient and humble servants,

W. G. Hutchinson,
Lt.-Colonel,
Vice-President, Regency Council.

H. L. Khastgir,
Revenue Officer, Judicial Member, Regency Council.

G. Narayan,
Member, Regency Council.

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Statement shewing the comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the Cooch Behar State for the years 1926-27 and 1927-28.

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1926-27.	Actuals for 1927-28.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—				
(a) Land Revenue	19,10,189	18,62,081	.....	48,108
(b.) Stamps	3,33,012	4,59,930	1,26,918	.....
(c.) Excise	2,64,564	3,07,865	43,301	.....
(d.) Interest on Loans and Investments...	823	1,544	721	.....
(e.) Sundries	53,423	8,991	.....	44,432
Total ...	25,62,011	26,40,411	78,400	.....
II.—Law and Justice.—				
(a.) Civil and Sessions Court ...	1,265	1,450	185	.....
(b.) Registration	21,763	23,344	1,581	.....
Total ...	23,028	24,794	1,766	.....
III.—Miscellaneous.—				
(a.) Criminal Justice	7,141	5,229	.....	1,912
(b.) Jail including Rice Mill	52,122	89,732	37,610	.....
(c.) Education, Science and Art ...	27,190	32,893	5,703	.....
(d.) Public Works	38,581	47,315	8,734	.....
(e.) Sundries.	9,515	19,467	9,952	.....
Total ...	1,34,549	1,94,636	60,087	.....
IV.—Debutter	1,61,049	1,63,643	2,594	.....
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	4,87,496	5,20,456	32,960	.....
VI.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—				
(a.) Darjeeling Estates	74,942	72,630	.....	2,312
(b.) Chaklajat Estates	5,02,767	5,05,669	2,902	.....
(c.) Panga Estate	39,975	35,865	.....	4,110
Total ...	6,17,684	6,14,164	.....	3,520
Total Revenue ...	39,85,817	41,58,104	1,72,287	.....
Deficit ...	1,39,331	.....	.....	.....
Grand total of Revenue ...	41,25,148	41,58,104	.....	.....

EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1926-27.	Actuals for 1927-28.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Civil List	3,93,642	5,07,773	1,14,131	.....
II.—Administration.—				
(1.) Control	72,725	72,793	68	.....
(2.) General	13,40,382	14,50,476	1,10,094	.....
(3.) Revenue	3,34,193	2,76,184	.....	58,009
(4.) Law and Justice	73,303	72,176	.....	1,127
Total of Administration ...	18,20,603	18,71,629	51,026	.....
III.—State Ceremonial Department ..	1,99,463	1,22,204	.....	77,259
IV.—Debutter	84,653	87,846	3,193	.....
V.—Miscellaneous	4,74,254	5,01,283	27,029	.....
VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	2,23,862	2,39,428	15,566	.....
VII.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—				
(a.) Darjeeling Estates	50,834	57,946	6,912	.....
(b.) Chaklajat Estates	3,01,064	3,01,511	447	.....
(c.) Panga Estate	42,827	27,201	.....	15,626
Total ...	3,94,725	3,86,658	.....	8,067
VIII.—Reserve Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....
IX.—Repayment of Debts	4,86,432	.....	.....	4,86,432
Total Expenditure ...	40,77,634	37,16,821	.....	3,60,813
Deposit with E. B. Railway for Railway Capital works.	47,514	17,164	.....	30,550
Total ...	41,25,148	37,33,985	.....	3,91,163
Surplus ...	.....	4,24,119	.....	.....
Grand total of Expenditure ...	41,25,148	41,58,104	.....	.....

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FROM

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VICE-PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
COOCH BEHAR.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 19th July 1928.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1927-28 of the Departments under my charge. I am glad to be able to report a steady improvement and progress in all Departments.

Perhaps the chief accomplishment of the year is the completion of the work of the Salaries Committee which has resulted in an increase in pay for all officials and a methodical arrangement of pay on the basis of an annual time-scale. I trust this improvement in the prospects of the officials will tend to improve the efficiency of the Administration generally.

Steady progress has been made in the programme which the Council has set themselves to accomplish in the Public Works Department. The first one or two years are naturally years of slow progress but there is now a very definite accomplishment in our labours and on all sides there is evidence of a greatly improved town. I calculate that still another three to four years are required to complete all the more necessary buildings in the Sudder and in the Sub-divisions.

I am not referring in detail this year to the works that have been completed or are in progress. In my next report I hope to be able to give Your Highness a list which will in itself show the very satisfactory progress that is being made.

The question of the improvement of communications is a source of anxiety to the Council. For many years past the roads have been allowed to lapse into disrepair. This is having a very adverse effect on "Hats" and "Melas" and is a cause of recurring and increasing loss of revenue to the State. Council hope to have a definite programme to remedy this defect next year.

Another matter of anxiety to the Council is the fear of epidemics in the State, especially of small-pox and cholera. With Your Highness' concurrence a new Health Department was inaugurated from the 1st October 1927 and in its very first year of existence that Department has had to combat a serious epidemic of small-pox and a still more serious epidemic of cholera. This tragedy has, through misfortune, given the new Department very early and practical experience of its onerous duties, which I trust will be of much benefit in the future to the people of Your Highness' State.

It is evident that the question of good drinking water during the hot months preceding the rains is a matter which requires very special attention and I have already issued necessary instructions to enable me during the coming cold weather to take steps to meet this deficiency.

Your Highness will have noted from the Budget that the finances of the State are in a satisfactory condition and the Council has been able this year, with the help of the Executive Heads of the various Departments, to transform a deficit budget into a satisfactory surplus budget. We are unable, however, at present to anticipate any considerable savings as there are still many expensive projects to accomplish, all of which are very necessary for the improvement of the State and for the welfare of the subjects of the State. Keeping steadily to a methodical and logical programme, it is hoped that the Minority Administration will be able to complete all these projects and to hand over to His Highness, when he comes of age, a State with its institutions up to date.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Charge.—Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, was in charge of the Fouzdari Office throughout the year under report.

2. The names of officers who held charge of the subordinate Criminal Courts and the changes which took place during the year under report are mentioned below :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Names of Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.	Names of Additional Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder ...	Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer, Magistrate, 2nd Class.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.	.....	.....
	Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Magistrate, 2nd Class, Additional Naib Ahilkar, Malcutchery.	From 1st April to 31st December, 1927.	.....	.....
	Srijut Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Debutter and Settlement Naib Ahilkar, Magistrate, 1st Class.	From August, 1927 to 31st March 1928.	.....	.....
Tufangunj ...	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 3rd January, 1928 & 23rd March, 1928 to to 31st March 1928.	.....	.....
	Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 5th January, 1928 to 22nd March, 1928.		
Dinhata ...	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 16th October, 1927 & from 16th November 1927 to 31st March 1928.	Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L.,	From 1st April 1927 to 4th January, 1928.
	Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	From 17th October, 1927 to 15th November, 1927.	Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L.	From 5th January 1928 to 31st March 1928.
Mathabhanga ...	Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April, 1927 to 31st March, 1928.	Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L.	From 1st April, 1927 to 24th April, 1927 & 9th June, 1927 to 31st March, 1928.
Mekligunj ...	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	Ditto	.....	.....

3. *Bench of Honorary Magistrates at Haldibari.*—Mr. T. McMurphy held charge of the Haldibari Bench up to the 7th February, 1928 and Srijut Abinash Chandra Ganguly remained in-charge of the Bench from the 8th February, 1928 to the end of the year.

There were altogether 22 sittings of the Bench during the year against the same number of the previous year.

The following table shows the attendance of the members of the Bench :—

Names of Magistrates.	No. of days present.
Mr. T. McMurphy	13
Moulvi Dhajaruddin Pradhan	15
Srijut Abinash Chandra Ganguli	21

67 cases (54 cognizable and 13 non-cognizable) were tried by the Bench during the year against 58 of the previous year showing an increase of 9 cases.

The following table shows the details of cases received by the Bench during the past three years :—

Year.	From Haldibari Police Station.	From Haldibari Town Committee.	Total.
1925-26	40	7	47
1926-27	46	12	58
1927-28	54	13	67

4. *Criminal Statistics.*—The following table shows the number of cases (cognizable and non-cognizable) instituted during the past three years :—

Year.	Offences. Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
1925-26	1389	1207	2596
1926-27	1551	1037	2588
1927-28	1704	1136	2840

The total number of cases reported during the year was 2840 against 2588 of the previous year showing an increase of 252 cases.

5. *Cognizable and non-cognizable crimes.*—The following table shows the number and variety of offences reported during the year as compared with those of the previous year :—

Class of offence.	Cognizable Statement A, Part I.				Non-cognizable Statement B, Part I.			
	1926-27.	1927-28.	Increase.	Decrease.	1926-27.	1927-28.	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offences against the State ...	53	55	2	...	37	55	18	...
II. Serious offences against persons	89	113	24	...	1	...	...	1
III. Do. against property..	584	699	115	...	8	5	...	3
IV. Minor offences against persons...	18	16	...	6	348	414	66	...
V. Do. against property ...	444	478	34	...	270	359	89	...
VI. Other offences	363	343	..	20	290	211	...	79
Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	...	...	...	83	92	9	...
Total ...	1,551	1,704	145	26	1,037	1,136	182	83

The following statement gives the result of the past three years as regards persons brought to trial, convicted, acquitted or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1925-1926.			1926-1927.			1927-1928.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
Number of cases dealt with including pending cases of the preceding year.	1464	1,310	2,774	1,628	1,193	2,821	1,784	1,262	3,046
Number of persons brought to trial ...	1,316	1,362	2,678	1,440	1,274	2,714	1,369	1,293	2,662
Convicted	573	457	1,030	584	320	904	516	222	738
Released	330	148	478	589	190	779	432	173	605
Otherwise disposed of	207	662	869	125	672	797	168	749	917
Pending at the close of the year ..	206	95	301	142	92	234	253	149	402
Percentage of convictions to total number of persons tried.	63·45	75·53	68·3	49·78	62·74	53·77	54·53	56·20	54·95

6. *Cases not enquired into.*—Under Section 157 (*b*) of the Criminal Procedure Code the Police refused to investigate 308 cases during the year against 248 of the previous year.

7. *Abstract of heinous offences.*—

Murder.—No case of murder was reported during the year against two during the preceding year. Two cases remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these two cases, one which was against a lunatic, remained pending at the close of the year but has since been disposed of. In the other case the accused was acquitted after trial.

Culpable homicide.—One case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder was reported during the year against 7 of the preceding year. Three cases remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these four cases, three ended in conviction of the accused and one was not detected.

Dacoity.—26 cases of dacoity were reported during the year against 14 during the previous year. Together with the 4 cases that remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were 30 cases altogether to be dealt with during the year. Of these 30 cases, 1 was declared to be false, 2 ended in acquittal, 21 cases were not detected and 6 remained pending at the close of the year.

Rape.—There were 5 cases of rape reported during the year against 4 in the preceding year. Four cases remained pending at the close of the previous year. Of these 9 cases, 3 were declared to be minor offences under Section 354, Indian Penal Code, one proved to be false, 2 cases proved to be false under mistake of fact or law, 1 ended in acquittal and 2 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

Unnatural offence.—There was no case of unnatural offence reported during the year.

Robbery.—10 cases of robbery, against 13 in the previous year, were reported during the year. One case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 11 cases, 2 proved to be false and 9 were not detected.

Kidnapping.—10 cases were reported during the year against 6 in the previous year. One case which remained pending at the close of the preceding year was transferred to Serial No. 31 as "Wrongful Confinement" and 2 were transferred from Serial No. 14 "Rape" to "Kidnapping". Of these 12 cases, 3 proved to be intentionally false, 2 ended in conviction, 5 were not detected and 2 remained pending at the close of the year.

Arson cases.—Four cases were reported during the year against 6 in the previous year. One case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 5 cases, 2 proved to be false, 2 were not detected and 1 remained pending at the close of the year.

8. The following table shows the number of appeals preferred during the year with their results:—

Names of officers.	Total No. of persons convicted.	Total No. of Appeals.	Order confirmed.	Appeal rejected.	Order modified.	Order reversed.	Pending.
Sudder.							
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	13	11	5	...	4	2	.....
" Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	3	2	2	...	...	...	.....
" Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L., Treasury Officer ...	5	5	3	...	2	...	.....
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Magistrate, 2nd Class...	6	3	1	...	...	2	.....
Tufangunj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B. L., Naib Ahilkar... ...	7	6	3	...	1	2	.....
" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	2	2	...	2	...	...	.....
Dinhata.							
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar	13	11	7	...	1	2	1
" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	3	3	2	1	...	1	.....
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	2	2	1	...	...	...	1
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	10	9	4	...	2	1	2
" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	35	14	4	1	2	6	1
Mekligunj.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar...	10	9	7	1	...	...	.....
Total ...	109	77	39	5	12	16	5

9. The following table shows the distribution of works in the Criminal Courts for the year under report:—

Names of Courts.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Srijut Satis Chandra Banerjee, B. L., Sessions Judge ...	11	34	11	12	11	...	32·35
" Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Sessions Judge ...	8	12	6	5	...	1	50·
" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	716	334	196	48	82	8	58·68
" Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Settlement N. A. ...	32	14	5	3	3	3	35·71
" Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L., Treasury Officer ...	90	125	17	42	5[illegible]	16	21·25
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Additional Mal. Naib Ahilkar.	43	61	22	21	18	...	36·06
Total ...	909	580	257	131	164	28	.....
Tufangunj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	178	165	18	66	72	9	10·90
" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	72	63	2	28	38	...	2·94
Total ..	250	273	20	94	110	9	.....
Dinhata.							
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L. Naib Ahilkar	601	340	157	96	51	36	46·17
" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	158	208	47	125	36	...	22·59
Moulvi Ahamed Hossain Prodhan, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	99	212	42	50	49	71	19·81
Total ...	858	760	246	271	136	107	.....
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M. A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	557	441	84	37	232	87	19·[illegible]9
" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	102	332	23	40	138	131	6·92
Total ...	659	772	107	77	370	218	.....
Mekligunj.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	278	250	44	32	137	37	17·6
Total ...	278	250	44	32	137	37	.....
Haldibari.							
Bench Magistrates' Court.	67	67	64	...	...	3	95·52
Total ..	67	67	64	...	...	3	.....
Grand Total ...	3,045	2,662	738	605	917	402	.....

10. The following table gives the result of commitments to the Court of Session:—

Names of committing Officers.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Fouzdari Naib Ahilkar.	2	3	3	...	...	...	1 0·
,, Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	1	1	1	...	...	...	100·
Tufangunj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Naib Ahilkar ...	1	5	...	5	...	...	...
Dinhata.							
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar ...	4	10	7	3	..	...	70·
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar ...	9	24	6	7	11	...	25·
Mekliguni.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar.	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Total ...	19	46	17	17	11	1	...

11. The following table gives the longest, shortest and average period of detention of under-trial prisoners:—

Names of Officers.	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
SUDDER.	Days.	Days.	
Srijut Satis Chandra Banerjee, B.L., Sessions Judge ...	111	46	66·44
,, Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Sessions Judge ...			
,, Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	73	1	17·58
,, Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L., Treasury Officer ...	47	39	44·33
,, Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar	13	11	12·00
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Malcutchery Naio Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B. L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	42	42	42·00
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Nirmal Chabdra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	11	1	3·03
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	9	1	3·37
DINHATA.			
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	52	1	10·72
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	9	1	5·00
,, Do. Do. Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	64	7	20·4
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	7	6	6.33
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	65	1	16·4
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	62	2	18 2
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	109	5	19·

12. *Miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases:—

Nature of case.	No. of cases including those pending from last year.	Dismissed.	Decreed or orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off, i.e. dismissed summarily.	Pending.	Remarks.
Maintenance	28	10	4	11	.....	3	
Right of way	66	25	7	17	.....	17	
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106 and 107, Cr.P.C.	11	6	.....	3	.....	2	
Security under Secs. 109, and 110 Cr. P. C.	6	1	2	.....	.....	3	
Total ...	111	42	13	31	.....	25	

13. *Compensation paid to complainants and accused.*—A sum of Rs. 367 was paid to complainants under section 545 of the Criminal Procedure Code in the several Courts during the year under review against Rs. 1,149 in the previous year. Compensation paid to the accused under section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code amounted to Rs. 180. No such payment was made in the previous year.

14. *Realisation of fines.*—The following table shows the result of realisation of fines during the last three years:—

Years.	Balance of the previous year.	Imposed during the year.	Total amount to be realised.	Realised during the year.	Remitted or written off.	Balance of the year.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1925-26 ...	2,265	13,110	15,375	7,112	232	8,031
1926-27 ...	8,297	9,525	17,822	9,274	5,004	3,568
1927-28 ...	3,568	8,628	12,196	5,981	540	5,675

15. *Stamps and Court fees.*—The following table shows the income from stamps and Court fees in the various Criminal Courts in the State for the year under report as compared with that of the previous year:—

Names of Courts.	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1926-27.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1927-28.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sudder ...	1,635	1,678	866	926	2,501	2,604
Tufangunj ...	592	586	247	317	839	903
Dinhata ...	917	1,134	483	684	1,400	1,818
Mathabhanga ...	873	1,298	533	316	1,406	1,614
Mekliganj ...	359	522	194	247	553	769
Haldibari ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4,376	5,218	2,323	2,490	6,699	7,708

16. The following statement shows the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State during the year under report:—

Names and designations of Magistrates.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	Detention of witnesses entered in columns 3 and 4 for— One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUDDER.											
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar.	626	488	138	...	580	46	...	...	...	...	...
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Settlement Naib Ahilkar.	132	121	11	...	130	2	...	...	...	...	...
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer.	316	268	48	...	286	24	6	...	...	...	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Addl. Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	235	208	27	...	209	22	4	...	...	...	...
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	20	20	...	...	15	1	3	...	1	...	...
Total ...	1,329	1,105	224	...	1,220	95	13	...	1	...	...
TUFANGUNJ.											
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	320	287	33	...	318	2	...	...	...	...	...
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	39	30	9	...	35	4	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	359	317	42	...	353	6	...	...	..	...	...
DINHATA.											
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	879	731	140	8	766	73	12	...	...	...	...
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	398	305	93	...	236	120	37	5	...	...	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	236	163	57	16	115	59	23	14	9	...	...
Total ...	1,513	1,199	290	24	1,137	252	72	19	9	...	...
MATHABHANGA.											
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	468	441	27	...	441	27	...	...	...	...	...
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	391	334	57	...	332	43	2	14	...	...	...
Total ...	859	775	84	...	773	70	2	14	...	...	...
MEKLIGUNJ.											
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	555	517	37	1	433	113	3	5	...	...	...
Total ...	555	517	37	1	433	113	3	5	...	...	...
HALDIBARI.											
Bench Magistrates' Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	4,615	3,913	677	25	3,916	586	90	38	10	...	...

17. The following statement shows the miscellaneous works done by the different Courts:—

Names of Courts.	No. of petitions received.	No. of processes of all kinds issued.	No. of reports heard.	No. of Robocaries received.	No. of bail bonds executed.	No. of recognizance bonds executed.	No. of Robocaries issued.
Sudder ...	2316	4687	90	238	227	258	296
Tufangunj ...	533	1620	67	27	39	57	34
Dinhata ..	2052	5406	525	56	166	246	38
Mathabhanga ...	1035	5003	288	38	190	308	42
Mekligunj ...	778	1455	178	12	85	95	31
Haldibari ...	...	14	...	14	8	...	68
Total ...	6714	18185	1148	385	715	964	509

18. *Recovery of wives.*—There were 89 petitions for recovery of wives during the year against 91 of the previous year. With 4 cases pending from the preceding year, there were 93 cases to be dealt with. Of these, 40 cases were dismissed, in 35 cases the wives were restored to their husbands, in 10 cases the wives denied marriage and 8 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

19. *Chowkidari Department.*—The following table shows the number of Chowkidars, Panchayets and their collecting members employed during the year under review together with the number of villages served by them:—

Names of Sub-divisions.	No. of Chaukidars.	No. of Panchayets.	No. of Collecting members.	No. of villages.
Sudder	321	548	128	263
Tufangunj	211	213	68	126
Dinhata	375	515	58	310
Mathabhanga	450	359	67	267
Mekligunj	227	245	54	243
Total ...	1,584	1,880	375	1,209

The total number of Chowkidars was 1584 and the total number of Panchayets was 1880 during the year against the same number of the previous year respectively.

Since the introduction of the system of making payments to the Chowkidars at the thanas by Chowkidari Pay parades, the Chowkidars are receiving their wages regularly and there are now no complaints about non-payment of their wages. Distress warrants are issued against the Panchayets for recovery of Chowkidars' wages on their failing to deposit the same at the Chowkidari Pay parades held regularly at the various Police Stations and Outposts in the State.

The maximum and minimum pay of the Chowkidars continued to be Rs. 6 and Rs. 4-8-6 respectively as in the previous year.

The following statement shows the demand and realisation of the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report:—

TOTAL DEMAND—	Sudder. Rs.	Tufangunj. Rs.	Dinhata. Rs.	Mathabhanga. Rs.	Mekligunj. Rs.	Total. Rs.
1. Total amount of annual fund deduction.	1,249	847	1,3.9	1,750	949	6,193
2. Balance of the previous year.	312	255	361	438	237	1,603
Total	1,561	1,102	1,759	2,188	1,186	7,796
3. Amount realized during the year.	1,223	863	1,385	1,750	949	6,170
4. Amount which remained unrealized on the 31st March.	338	239	374	438	237	1,626
5. Amount of fine realized	479	257	414	411	294	1,855
6. Amount of penalties realized.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
7. Miscellaneous receipts	299	529	364	196	313	1,701
8. Total of items 3, 5, 7 & 8	2,002	1,649	2,163	2,357	1,556	9,727
Interest on Government Promissory Notes			.....	.....	.....	627
					Grand Total ...	10,354

The details of expenditure from the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report are given below:—

	Sanctioned amount. Rs.	Actual Expenditure. Rs.
1. Contingencies	3,135	2,326
2. Rewards and gratuities &c.	1,200	1,026
3. Irrecoverable portions of pay of Chowkidars ...	200	3
4. Establishment charges for the five Sub-divisions	2,330	2,076
5. Travelling Allowance	300	135
Total ...	7,165	5,566

The total receipts were Rs. 10,354 against Rs. 9,211 and the expenditure Rs. 5,566 against Rs. 23,875 in the previous year. The net profit of the Fund for the year under report was Rs. 4,788 against nil of the previous year.

The opening balance of the Fund was Rs. 14,321, of which Rs. 14,067 was in the Treasury and Rs. 254 in the Chowkidari offices and Sub-Treasuries. The closing balance was Rs. 19,109 of which Rs. 18,379 was in the Treasury and the balance of Rs. 730 in the several Sub-Treasuries and Chowkidari offices.

20. *Cattle Pounds.*—The number of cattle Pounds in the State was 109 against 108 of the previous year. One new Pound was opened at Krishnapur in the Tufangunj Sub-division during the year under report.

The following statements show the receipts and expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year under report:—

		Names of Sub-divisions.					
		Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
1.	Number of Pounds ...	16	21	21	34	17	109
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2.	Balance of the previous year.	1,201	49	70	2,666	.....	3,986
3.	Amount of bid ...	2,040	2,061	1,357	3,543	3,144	12,147
	Total ...	3,241	2,110	1,429	6,209(a)	3,144	16,133
4.	Amount of bid realised	2,686	2,110	1,381	5,463	3,144	14,784
5.	Amount of bid unrealised	555	.....	48	405	.....	1,008
6.	Sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle.	391	258	338	1,174	605	2,766
7.	Miscellaneous ...	9	.....	.....	.....	115	124
8.	Total of items 4, 6 & 7	3,086	2,368	1,719	6,637	3,864	17,674

(a) Out of this amount Rs. 341 was written off as un-realizable, *Vide* Council letter No. 107, dated 5th April 1928.

Statement showing the expenditure of the Pound Fund for 1927-28:—

Head of service.	Budget sanctioned for 1927-28.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies	800	442
Rewards for killing dogs	370	337
Establishment	1,552	1,304
Total ...	2,722	2,083
Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee	3,600	3,600
" Dinhata "	200	200
" Mathabhanga "	1,000	.....
Improvement of Sub-Divisional Town at Tufangunj	1,000	886
" " " at Mekligunj	500	368
Total ...	6,300	5,054
Grand total ...	9,022	7,137

Together with the arrear balance of Rs. 3,986 the total bid to be realised was Rs. 16,133 against Rs. 14,436 of the previous year, of which Rs. 14,784 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 1,349, out of which Rs. 341 was written off as unrealisable under orders of the Regency Council. Rs. 2,890 was received as sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle and miscellaneous receipts. The total collection was thus Rs. 17,674 against Rs. 24,400 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 6,726. The higher figure for the preceding year was mainly due to the receipt of a large amount (Rs. 4,128) as sale proceeds of Government Promissory Notes and the repayment of a sum of Rs. 7,000 paid from the Pound Fund to the Victoria College, Cooch Behar.

The cost of Establishment and Contingencies, together with the charges incurred for killing the mad and stray dogs, amounted to Rs. 2,083 against Rs. 1,340 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 743 due to the payment of increased pay to the Sub-divisional Chowkidari clerks for performance of Pound works as well as to meet the salaries of the 5 Peons employed for Pound works at Sudder and Sub-divisions. The increase is also due to payment of rewards to the methars for killing a considerably larger number of dogs.

Rupees 5,054 was paid to the several Town Committees and Sub-divisional towns in the State as contributions towards effecting improvements of the places concerned. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,137 against Rs. 14,236 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 5,099. The sum of Rs 3,150 advanced to the Cooch Behar Town Committee for the purchase of the Motor watering car in the preceding year was fully readjusted during the year.

The opening balance of the Pound Fund was Rs. 23,095, of which Rs. 22,082 was in the Treasury and Rs. 1,013 in the different Sub-Treasuries. The closing balance of the Fund was Rs. 36,293 of which Rs. 35,591 was in the Treasury and Rs. 702 at the Sub-Treasuries.

21. *Free distribution of Quinine tabloids.*—There were 7,558 tabloids in hand at the close of the preceding year. During the year under report quinine tabloids were not received from the Civil Surgeon of the State for distribution. The following table shows the distribution :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Tabloids distributed.
Sudder	1,260
Tufangunj	400
Dinhata	.....
Mathabhanga	400
Mekligunj	1,131
Total ...	3,191

The balance in hand at the close of the year was 4,367. Of these, 3,243 are at the Fouzdari Office and the rest with the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj Sub-divisions. Further tabloids will be sent to the Sub-divisional Officers before the commencement of the next fever season.

22. The following statement shows the number of records received in the Record-Room during the year under report :—

COURTS.	Records of regular cases.	Miscellaneous cases.	Total.
Sudder ...	721	...	721
Tufangunj ...	237	48	285
Dinhata ...	708	87	795
Mathabhanga ...	524	50	574
Mekligunj ...	250	60	310
Haldibari Bench ...	44	...	44
Total ...	2484	245	2729

The following statement shows the number of records sorted for destruction and preservation during the year under report : —

Courts.	*Number of records of regular cases sorted for destruction & preservation.*				Total No. of Books & Registers destroyed.	Total No. of miscellaneous papers & bundles destroyed.
	Total No. of records sorted.	Records destroyed wholly.	Records destroyed partly.	Records preserved wholly.		
Sudder	990	727	44	219	58	24
Tufangunj ...	339	228	17	94	30	12
Dinhata	539	428	7	104	12	5
Mathabhanga ...	463	337	21	105	4	6
Mekligunj ...	213	139	12	62	8	6
Haldibari Bench ...	36	35	...	1	2	...
Total ...	2580	1894	101	585	114	53

23. *Rain fall.*—The total rainfall recorded in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was 152·01 against 131·76 in the previous year. Although the total rainfall was greatly in excess of the previous year the fall

was not so seasonable and consequently was not as beneficial to the country as the lesser rainfall of 1926-27.

24. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The following table shows the outturn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy in the different Sub-divisions of the State during the year under report:—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Haimanti.	Bitri.
Sudder	12 annas.	12 annas.
Tufangunj	10 „	12 „
Dinhata	12 „	12 „
Mathabhanga	12 „	10 „
Mekligunj	12 „	12 „

The price of common rice ranged between Rs. 6 to Rs. 7 per maund during the year. The prices of other food stuffs did not show any sign of depression during the year under review.

The area of land under jute cultivation during the year was 23,208 acres against 43,000 acres of the previous year. The outturn of the crop was estimated to be 12 annas. The cultivators could not derive much benefit from the crop owing to its low price in the market. The outturn of tobacco and mustard seed was normal.

25. *Public health.*—Small-pox and cholera prevailed in severe epidemic form during the year in many parts of the State. Prompt and vigorous steps were taken by the Medical Department of the State to cope with the diseases but there has been a regrettably high mortality. Steps are being taken to try and prevent similar epidemics in future and a thorough survey is being made with a view to improving the drinking water. Except for these epidemics the health of the people has been generally good.

26. The Epidemic Statement submitted by the Superintendent of Police is given below:—

Names of Police Stations and Out Posts.	Remaining from the previous year	Number attacked.	Number died.	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
		Cholera.			
Kotwali ...	.....	93	70	14	9
Tufangunj ...	.....	117	78	39	.....
Dinhata ...	.....	129	95	31	3
Sitai ...	.....	5	2	3	.....
Mathabhanga ...	.....	23	17	5	1
Shitalkhuchi ...	5	116	87	23	11
Haldibari ...	.....	36	19	17	.....
Mekligunj ...	.....	28	22	6	.....
Total ...	5	547	390	138	24
		Small-pox.			
Kotwali ...	15	768	154	594	35
Tufangunj ...	.....	32	10	22	.....
Dinhata ...	21	911	129	707	96
Sitai ...	.....	78	14	57	7
Mathabhanga ...	.....	21	3	18	.....
Shitalkhuchi ..	.....	17	5	12	.....
Haldibari ...	8	156	35	129	1
Mekligunj ...	.....	44	7	37	.....
Total ...	44	2,027	357	1,575	139
		Cattle Diseases.			
Kotwali ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tufangunj ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dinhata ...	.....	65	37	21	7
Sitai ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Mathabhanga ...	16	315	52	279	.....
Shitalkhuchi ...	.....	35	15	20	.....
Haldibari ...	.....	485	41	444	.....
Mekligunj ...	.....	14	2	12	.....
Total ...	16	916	147	778	7

27. *Cattle disease.*—916 cases of cattle disease were reported during the year against 3712 of the previous year. Of these 147 died, 778 recovered and 7 cases were lingering at the close of the year. Prompt steps were taken by the Veterinary Surgeons to combat the diseases.

28. *Unnatural death.*—There were 180 cases of unnatural death during the year against 139 of the previous year. The details are given below:—

Names of Police Stations and Out-posts.	Suicide.	Drowning.	Snake bite.	Fall from building etc.	By wild animals.	Other causes.	Total.
Kotwali P. S. ..	9	19	6	2	.....	6	42
Tufangunj ,, ...	6	10	4	1	1	2	24
Dinhata ,, ...	5	26	8	1	3	8	51
Sitai Out-post ...	.....	4	2	.....	.....	1	7
Mathabhanga P. S. ...	.....	20	5	.....	.....	2	27
Sitalkhuchi Out-post ...	.....	2	1	.....	.....	1	4
Haldibari P. S. ...	.....	6	3	.....	.....	1	10
Mekligunj ,, ...	2	10	2	.....	.....	1	15
Total ...	22	97	31	4	4	22	180

29. *Tours of Officers.*—The Fouzdari Ahilkar was on tour for 26 days and spent 13 nights away from Head Quarters. All the Sub-divisions including the Haldibari Police Station were inspected by him during the year.

The following statement shows the number of days and nights spent on tour by the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars:—

Names of Officers.	No. of days.	No. of nights.	Remarks.
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	69	18	
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Naib Ahilkar ...	25	13	
DINHATA.			
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar ...	42	17	
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Additional Naib Ahilkar	22	3	
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	7	2	
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar ...	57	21	
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	23	.....	
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar	83	41	

30. *Conduct of the Police:*—

Sudder.—There was no case against the Police during the year under report against 5 in the previous year.

Tufangunj.—Two cases were instituted against the Police during the year. There was no case in the previous year. None of the cases instituted during the year resulted in conviction.

Dinhata.—There was one case under sections 341 and 342 Indian Penal Code against a constable but it was dismissed under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code on the petition of compromise filed by the complainant.

Mathabhanga.—No case against the Police was reported during the year against 1 in the previous year.

Mekliganj.—One case against the Police was instituted during the year against 2 in the preceding year. This case was struck off under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code.

31. *Anti-rabic treatment.*—19 persons were sent to the Calcutta Pasteur Institute for Anti-rabic treatment from the State during the year under report. The treatment of all the patients sent was reported to be successful.

32. *Conduct of Officers.*—All the Officers of the Criminal Department discharged their duties satisfactorily.

II.—POLICE.

33. *Charge.*—Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha, Superintendent of Police, held charge of the department, throughout the year 1927-28.

34. *The enlistment and disposition of the Force* :—

(*a*) No cadets were taken in the cadre of Sub-Inspectors during the year under report. Of the two cadet Sub-Inspectors (1) Anath Bandhu Das and (2) Ashutosh Chakravarti, the former was enlisted on the 1st June 1926 and the latter on the 1st January 1927. Both of them are undergoing the prescribed course of training.

(*b*) The number of constables recruited during the year to fill up vacancies and casualties caused by death, retirement and removal, was 50, of whom 33 were Hindus (14 Bengalis and 19 up-country men), 8 Mahomedans and 9 Gurkhas or Nepalese. Of the 33 Hindus and 8 Mahomedans, 5 were *bonafide* natives of the State and 5 local men.

Of the Nepalese recruits 9 were discharged or rejected on verification and 6 deserted. No vacancies remained unfilled at the close of the year under review.

Five matriculated candidates were appointed as Writer Constables during the year under report.

(*c*) On the 31st March 1928, the strength of the total Force was—

(i) 2 Inspectors.

(ii) 14 Sub-Inspectors.

(iii) 1 Senior Subadar.

(iv) 1 Junior Subadar.

(v) 11 Assistant Sub-Inspectors, of whom 2 were officiating as Sub-Inspectors.

(vi) 6 Writer Head Constables, of whom two were officiating as Assistant Sub-Inspectors.

(vii) 9 Head Constables (Havildars).

(viii) 257 Constables, including 20 Writer Constables, of whom one was officiating as Assistant Sub-Inspector, two as Writer Head Canstables and three as Head Constables.

(*d*) 187 were employed in Thanas, Courts and Treasury Guards, on Patrol and Crime Centres and on miscellaneous duties at the close of the year leaving 49 in the Reserve Force. Eighteen men were on leave and 3 sick in Hospital.

(*e*) Of the total force 6·25 percent only were Cooch Beharis (*bonafide* and domiciled) and 93·74 percent were non-Cooch Beharis.

The important features of the year's working are briefly given in the following paragraphs which will indicate the various improvements effected in the Police Force during the year under report :—

(1) Completion of a two-storied pucca Barracks for Constables and Head Constables which will accommodate 80 men.

(2) Completion of a residential Police Club Building.

(3) Improvement of the Police Parade and Sports Ground.
(4) Maintenance and working of the Fire Brigade.
(5) Introduction of a time-scale of pay for both the Gazetted and non-Gazetted officers of the Police Department.
(6) Conferences and active co-operation with the Police in the bordering British Districts with a view to establish cordial relations with them for joint actions in the prevention and detection of crime.

35. *Cost.*—The original budget provision for the year was Rs. 1,06,633 and the revised provision was Rs. 1,02,450 against Rs. 1,10,232 in the previous year. The total expenditure was Rs. 1,06,893 against Rs. 1,09,003 in the preceding year. Although the arrear pay of officers and men at the increased rate from April 1927 to February 1928 according to the revised scale of pay sanctioned by the Regency Council, amounting to Rs. 3,796 was met out of the savings in the Budget, the total expenditure for the year exceeded the original provision by the nominal sum of Rs. 260 only.

36. *Buildings.*—These were maintained by the Public Works Department.

37. *Cognizable cases.*—(*a*) The number of cognizable cases taken up *suo motu* by the Police during the year was 1367 against 1260 in the previous year. Eighty cases were shown pending at the close of the last year and they were disposed of during this year. Thus there were altogether 1447 cases to be dealt with by the Police.

Four hundred and forty cases were sent up for trial, 483 were returned as true, 56 cases reported to be intentionally false and 59 false due to mistake of law or fact or non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 308 cases and 93 cases remained pending at the close of the year either with the Police or with Magistrates.

(*b*) There was an increase of 107 cases in the total number reported during the year over that of 1926-27. This increase was mainly spread over two serials, *viz.*—108 cases under Burglary in serial 29 and 12 cases under Dacoity in serial 25.

38. *The proportion of Police to population and crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of Police employed on purely Police work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last 2 years:—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1926-27	130	5,92,489	1,260	1 to 4557·60	1 to 9·69	1 to 470·23
1927-28	131	5,92,489	1,367	1 to 4522·74	1 to 10·43	1 to 433·42

39. *Proportion of cognizable crime to population and crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of cognizable cases to population and area in 5 Sub-divisions in the State:—

Details.	Names of Sub-divisions.					
	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Area in square-miles ...	284	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population ...	1,32,334	82,963	1,43,183	1,41,367	87,642	5,92,489
Pending at the beginning of the year. ...	12	7	26	21	14	80
Reported during the year. ...	356	98	438	274	201	1,367
Disposed of during the year. ...	352	97	441	273	191	1,354
Pending at the end of the year. ...	16	8	23	22	24	93
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.	1 to 371·7	1 to 846·5	1 to 338·3	1 to 515·9	1 to 436·03	.....
Proportion of cognizable crime to area	1 to ·79	1 to 2·2	1 to ·61	1 to 1·21	1 to ·98	.....

40. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which Charge sheets and Final Report forms were used by the Police during the year under report was 1046. Of these 115 cases or 10·99 per cent were declared false.

There were 6 prosecutions for bringing false cases during the year as against the same number in the preceding year, 3 of which ended in conviction and 3 remained pending at the close of the year.

41. *Cases not enquired into.*—The statement below shows the percentage of cases not investigated under section 157 (*b*) Criminal Procedure Code during the year under report :—

	Years.	
	1926-27.	1927-28.
Number of cases	1260	1367
Do. not enquired into	248	308
Percentage	19.6	22·5

The percentage is slightly increased but is still normal.

42. *Petition Cases.*—16 Cognizable cases instituted on complaints were referred to the Police for investigation during the year under report as against 47 cases during the previous year, and were disposed of as follows :—

Details.	No. of cases.
Sent up in charge sheet forms	5
True (not detected)	3
Non-cognizable, (mistake of fact or law)	4
False	3
Withdrawn	...
Pending	1

There was no prosecution of complainants in the 3 cases found to be false.

43. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shows the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last 2 years :—

		Years.	
		1926-27.	1927-28.
		Rs.	Rs.
Amount of property ...	Stolen ...	87,452	52,858
	Recovered ...	6,728	5,779
	Percentage	7·6	10·9

The percentage of recovery has slightly improved.

44. *Percentage of conviction.*—The following table shows the result of trial of persons sent up by the Police in cognizable cases and cases taken up by the Magistrates themselves :—

	Years.	
	1926-27.	1927-28.
Total number of persons	831	740
Acquitted or discharged	285	138
Convicted	466	448
Otherwise disposed of	3	.....
Pending trial	76	42
Percentage of conviction	56·07	60·5

The percentage of persons convicted increased by 6 per cent.

45. *Remands in Police Cases.*—The statement below shows the cases which underwent the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates against each :—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF Charge sheet.	DATE OF Final order.	Duration of trial. Y. M. D.	Order.
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Fouzdari Ahilkar.	5	14 of April, 1927, Secs. 257, 380 I.P.C.	16-4-27	27-5-27	0 1 12	Convicted.
,, Siddheswar Banerji, Treasury Officer.	6	9 of May 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	23-5-27	26-6-27	0 0 29	Do.
Ditto	7	6 of June 1927, Sec. 211 I.P.C	17-6-27	29-7-27	0 1 4	Do.
,, Himadriballabh Biswas, Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	6	13 of Jan 1928, Sec. 256 I.P.C.	28-1-28	7-3-28	0 1 9	Do.
Ditto	9	6 of February 1928, Sec. 324, I.P.C.	17-2-28	31-3-28	0 1 10	Do.
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, Additional Mal. Naib Ahilkar.	10	5 of August 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	20-8-27	22-9-27	0 1 2	Acquitted.
Srijut Himadriballabh Biswas, Debutter Naib Ahilkar	4	6 of August 1927, Sec. 411 I.P.C.	17-8-27	28-10-27	0 2 11	Do.
Ditto	4	12 of Aug. 1927, Sec. 457 I.P.C.	31-8-27	20-9-27	0 0 20	Do.
Ditto	8	19 of Nov. 1927, Sec. 457, I.P.C.	2-12-27	22-12-27	0 0 20	Convicted.
Ditto	4	5 of January 1928, Sec. 279 I.P.C.	18-1-28	16-2-28	0 0 26	Do.
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, Additional Mal. Naib Ahilkar.	4	5 of Sept. 1927, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	16-9-27	24-11-27	0 2 8	Do.
Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Fouzdari Ahilkar.	5	10 of November 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	5-11-27	12-12-27	0 1 6	Do.
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	5	2 of April 1927, Sec. 366 I.P.C	17-5-27	15-6-27	0 0 25	Committed to the Court of Sessions & acquitted.
Ditto	6	11 of April 1927, Sec. 325 I.P.C.	20-5-27	30-7-27	0 2 10	Convicted.
Ditto	5	4 of July 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	10-8-27	20-9-27	0 1 8	Committed to the Court of Sessions & acquitted.
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar, and ,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Naib Ahilkar.	14	1 of August, 1927, Sec. 143 I.P.C.	24-11-27	2-2-28 / 8-2-28	0 2 4	Acquitted.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Naib Ahilkar.	5	9 of Sept. 1927, Sec. 376 I. P. C.	6-12-27	31-1-28	0 1 18	Committed to the Court of Sessions & acquitted.
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	5	1 of October, 1927, Sec, 411 I. P. C.	31-10-27	7-12-27	0 1 7	Convicted.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Naib Ahilkar.	9	5 of October, 1927, Sec. 411 I. P. C.	10-11-27	2-3-28	0 3 21	Do.
,, Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji, Naib Ahilkar.	6	1 of Decr. 1926, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	15-12-26	18-6-27	0 6 3	Acquitted.
Ditto	8	8 of April, 1927, Sec. 411 I. P. C.	8-5-27	24-8-27	0 3 16	Do.
Ditto	9	4 of July 1927, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	25-8-27	26-11-27	0 3 1	Convicted.
Ditto	13	1 of Decr. 1927, Sec. 347 I. P. C.	13-12-27	30-3-28	0 3 17	Do.
,, Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, Naib Ahilkar.	0	3 of July 1927, Sec. 409 I.P.C and 52 Post Office Act.	31-7-27	13-8-27	0 0 13	Committed to the court of Sessions & convicted.
Ditto	0	4 of July 1927, Sec. 409 I.P.C. and 52 Post Office Act.	31-7-27	15-8-27	0 0 15	Do.
Ditto	0	5 of July 1927, Sec. 409 I.P.C and 52 Post Office Act.	31-7-27	13-8-27	0 0 13	Do.
Ditto	2	1 of Nov. 1927, Sec. 409 I.P.C. and 52 Post Office Act.	30-12-27	13-2-28	0 1 12	Do.
Ditto	4	17 of Sept. 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	18-10-27	3-1-28	0 2 14	Convicted.
Ditto	1	5 of April, 1927, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	26-4-28	30-4-28	0 0 4	Discharged.
Ditto	5	10 of May, 1927, Sec. 326 I. P. C.	31-5-27	25-7-27	0 0 25	Acquitted.
Ditto	1	6 of January 1928, Secs. 454, 380 I P. C.	13-3-28	23-3-28	0 0 10	False.
Ditto	3	6 of February 1928, Sec. 342 I. P. C.	24-2-28	9-3-28	0 0 12	Acquitted.
Ditto	4	6 of Nov. 1927, Sec. 411 I.P.C.	5-12-27	3-1-28	0 0 28	Acquitted 1 Convicted 1
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	6	11 of May 1927. Sec. 380 I. P. C.	30-5-27	30-7-27	0 2 0	Convicted.
Ditto	2	10 of August 1927, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	16-8-27	12-9-27	0 0 26	Do.
Ditto	0	16 of Sept. 1927, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	15-10-27	22-10-27	0 0 7	Do.
Ditto	6	4 of Nov. 1927, Sec. 379, I.P.C.	13-12-27	31-1-28	0 1 12	Do.
Ditto	3	5 of December, 1927, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	19-12-27	11-1-28	0 0 22	Do.
Ditto	5	13 of Decr. 1927, Secs. 457, 380, 511 I.P.C.	20-12-27	30-1-28	0 1 1	Do.
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	7	2 of April 1927, Sec. 379 I.P.C.	3-5-27	8-8-27	0 3 7	Acquitted.
Ditto	8	12 of Sept. 1927, Sec. 428 I.P.C.	17-9-27	10-12-27	0 3 3	Do.
Ditto	9	29 of Octr. 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	1-11-27	12-12-27	0 1 12	Convicted.
,, Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar	4	14 of April 1928, Secs. 147, 324 I.P.C.	30-4-27	9-8-27	0 3 11	Do.
Ditto	5	6 of May 1927, Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	30-5-27	4-7-27	0 1 5	Do.
Ditto	5	2 of Sept. 1927, Secs. 457, 326 I.P.C.	28-9-27	7-12-27	0 2 10	Do.
Ditto	7	3 of Decr. 1927, Secs. 342, 366 I.P.C.	27-12-27	14-2-28	0 1 19	Committed to the Court of Sessions & discharged.
Ditto	8	8 of Decr. 1927, Sec. 147 I.P.C.	26-12-27	18-2-28	0 1 24	Convicted.
Ditto	5	18 of January 1928, Sec. 411 I. P. C.	4-2-28	3-3-28	0 0 27	Do.
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain Prodhan, Additional Mal. Naib Ahilkar. Ditto	7	13 of Octr. 1927, Sec. 411 I.P.C.	15-1-28	26-3-28	0 2 11	Do.
	9	17 of Jan. 1928, Sec. 411 I.P.C.	4-2-28	19-3-28	0 1 14	Do.

46. *Conviction.*—Below is a comparative statement of the percentage of convictions in cases and persons in Police "*suo motu*" cases for the year under report as compared with figures for the preceding year :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	1926-27.		1927-28.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1. Sudder ...	50·9	73·4	42·9	84·8
2. Tufangunj ...	9·09	32·5	8·5	15·7
3. Dinhata ...	21·4	39·1	29·09	64·2
4. Mathabhanga ...	17·6	41·4	12·6	34·2
5. Mekligunj ...	29·5	60·4	32·5	58·8
For the whole State...	31·2	56·1	28·1	62·2

The deterioration in the percentage of cases convicted to cases sent up for trial, is marked in Tufanganj and Mathabhanga Sub-divisions. The percentage of persons convicted to persons sent up for trial shows an all round improvement from the previous year.

47. *Vagrancy and Bad Characters.*—11 persons in 6 cases were dealt with during the year under the preventive sections 109 and 110 Criminal Procedure Code, against 11 persons in 5 cases in the preceding year. Two men were bound down to be of good behaviour; one was discharged after trial, while 3 cases implicating 8 persons remained pending at the close of the year.

48. *Arms Act.*—312 licenses were issued during the year under report against 257 in the preceding year.

There were 4 cases instituted under this head during the year under review, two of which ended in conviction.

49. *Investigation of cases by the Police.*—The following is an analysis of the investigation made by the Police Officers:—

	Years.	
	1926-27.	1927-28.
Inspectors ,, ...	6	0
Sub-Inspectors ,, ...	547	464
Assistant Sub-Inspectors	175	201
Writer Head Constables	51	77
Total	779	742

Petty cases of an ordinary nature were taken up by the Writer Head Constables. As two Sub-Inspectors were under probation, a large number of cases had to be taken by the senior Assistant Sub-Inspectors, two of whom acted as Sub-Inspectors.

50. *Absconders.*—The following is a statement of absconders :—

	1926-27.	1927-28.
Number of absconded offenders	45	39
Number entered during the year ...	5	4
Number who gave themselves up ...	0	1
Number arrested	3	2
Number struck off or died	8	5
Number remaining at large at the close of the year	39	35

51. *Rewards and Punishments.*—The following table shows the rewards and punishments in the Force during the last two years :—

RANK.	REWARDS.				PUNISHMENTS.											
					Judicial.				*Departmental.*							
	1926-1927.		1927-1928.		1926-1927.		1927-1928.		1926-1927.				1927-1928.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.
		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.				Rs.		
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	9	96	7	(a) 132	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Sub-Inspectors ...	1	5	7	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Writer Head-constables and Head-constables.	6	35	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Constables	13	100	5	14	6	...	...	...	...	...	13	6	...	...	2	2

(a) Out of this Rs. 25 was awarded to 2 Sub-Inspectors of the Government Railway Police.

The following special rewards were earned by Police Officers of the State during the year under report :—

(1) Sub-Inspector Durga Prosad Dutt, Rs. 15 for good work in case No. 2 of 6th January 1926 of Police Station Tufangunj.

(2) Sub-Inspector Panchanan Ganguly, Rs. 50 for his excellent work in Dacoity case No. 6 of January 1927 of Police Station Mathabhanga.

(3) Sub-Inspectors Jitendra Chandra Sen, Rs. 25 for good work in gang Bad Livelihood case of Police Station Mathabhanga 1925-26.

(4) Assistant Sub-Inspector Nirmal Chandra Sur, Rs. 10 for good work in case No. 7 of October 1927 of Sitai Out-post.

52. *Escort.*—Treasure amounting to Rs. 45,16,780-8 belonging to both the Government and the State was escorted by the State Police during the year as against Rs. 24,09,000 in the previous year.

The number of persons escorted under Police Escort during the year was 1507 against 1592 of the previous year.

53. *Drill and Target Practice.*—Regular Drill and Musketry parades were held for the Head-quarters Force.

On Mondays and Fridays all available officers and men at Head-quarters fell in with the Force as in previous years.

The Town Police (Chowkidars) continued to take part on two days in the week and joined Route Marches.

Target practice was held as usual in which 5 officers and 21 men joined. Rs. 10 was paid as rewards to the best shots :—

(1) Sr. Subadar Srikanta Pandey, Rs. 4.
(2) Jr. Subadar Dana Prasad Roy, Rs. 2.
(3) Head Constable Balrup Singh, Rs. 2.
(4) Constable Saraju Prasad Roy, Rs. 2.

54. *Casualties, Retirement.*—One Inspector and 5 Constables retired during the year under report.

Two Officers and 5 men died during the year under review against 2 only in the preceding year.

55. *Health of the Force.*—

(*i*) The health of the Force was generally good.
(*ii*) The daily average of sick in hospital was 3·97 against 5·7 in the preceding year.

56. *Good Conduct Allowance.*—At the close of the year under report 28 men were drawing good conduct allowance at Re. 1 per month.

57. *Fire Brigade.*—The allotment under the head for the year 1927-28 was Rs. 3,265 exclusive of the pay of the Headman and 6 Crew of the Fire Brigade who were paid out of the provision under "Executive Police" in the general Police Budget for the year.

There were 11 outbreaks of fire during the year under report against 10 in the preceding year and each of these was duly attended to by the Fire Brigade. In two cases the men did specially good work and were rewarded. There were besides a large number of calls in which the Fire Brigade was out but the Fire was found to be either outside the Town or in jungles. In some cases the alarm was not genuine.

58. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of 2 Jamadars and 30 Chowkidars.

Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga had 6, 7 and 6 Chowkidars respectively.

59. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town Committees had 143, 39, 42 and 34 street lamps respectively, and their maintenance charge amounted to Rs 6,639.

60. *Rural Police.*—The following table shows the rewards paid to, and fines realised from, village Chowkidars during the year 1927-28 as compared with the year preceding :—

		1926-27.	1927-28.
A. CASE WORK ...	No. of Chowkidars ...	3	3
	Amount of Rewards ...	Rs. 25	Rs. 30
B. GRATUITY ...	No. of Chowkidars ...	9	13
	Amount of Gratuity ...	Rs. 214	Rs. 267
Total rewards ...	Rs. 644 (this includes A and a sum of Rs. 614 paid as reward for good attendance).		
C. Total Amount of fines realised ...		1,026	1,855

61. A statement of inspection is given below :—

Names of Police Stations.	Number of times inspected. By the Fouzdari Ahilkar.	By the Superintendent of Police.	By Divisional Inspector of Police.
Police Station Kotwali ...	...	1	1
Do. Tufangunj ...	1	1	1
Do. Dinhata ...	1	2	2
Do. Mathabhanga ...	...	2	1
Out-Post Sitalkhuchi ...	...	2	1
Do. Sitai ...	...	1	1
Police Station Mekligunj ...	...	1	1
Do. Haldibari ...	1	2	2

The Courts were inspected by the Superintendent of Police along with the Thanas.

62. *Finger Prints.*—24 Finger impressions of undertrial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaus. In 5 cases identity was established.

Six finger prints of ex-convicts were sent to the Central Bureau for permanent record.

63. *Emigration and Immigration.*—Twenty-two persons emigrated from and 139 persons immigrated into the State against 129 and 155 persons respectively, in the preceding year.

64. *Miscellaneous duties*—The following table shows the number of orders the Police executed in addition to the prevention and detection of crime :—

	Number of orders.
Chowkidari work	689
Work in connection with the Pound	109
Epidemic	128
Settlement	35
Miscellaneous work of Naib Ahilkars other than case works ...	2
	963

65. *Commendations of Officers.*—The following officers did good work during the year under report and their names are therefore specially mentioned :—

1. Srijut Debendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Divisional Inspector of Police, Sudder.
2. Srijut Satis Chandra Roy, Sub-Inspector of Police.
3. „ Panchanan Ganguli, Sub-Inspector of Police.
4. „ Heramba Behari Chanda, Sub-Inspector of Police.
5. „ Nalini Kanta Bhowmick, Offg. Sub-Inspector.

66. *District Intelligence Branch.*—This branch had to deal with 559 letters and requisitions relating to enquiries from various quarters during the year under report. The officers and men attached to the branch did good work. The branch require strengthening.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

67. *Charges.*—The administrative charge of Jail was held by Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, throughout the year. Srijut Dinesananda Chakrabarti, L.M.S., Civil Surgeon, was the Medical Officer of the Jail for the whole year.

68. *Jail Buildings.*—The Public Works Department as usual carried out the annual repairs to the Jail buildings borne in their book. The Jail Department repaired the *kutcha* buildings and quarters of the Jail Staff. Quarters for the Clerk and Compounder are under construction and a scheme for the construction of quarters for the Jailor and Store-keeper is on the anvil.

69. *Jail Population.*—There were 113 prisoners of all classes in the Jail at the beginning of the year of whom 89 were convicts and 24 under-trial prisoners. 238 prisoners of all classes were admitted and 263 discharged during the year leaving 88 prisoners at the end of the year. The daily average was 104·01 as compared with 102·90 in the previous year.

70. *Convicts.*—There were 89 convicts in the Jail at the commencement of the year. 64 convicts were admitted during the year from the local Courts, of whom 17 were re-admissions (16 on rejection of appeal and 1 received back from Rajshahi Jail to serve out the remaining portion of his sentence.) 70 convicts were sent during the year from Sub-Jails of the State making a total number of 223 convicts in the Jail during the year under report.

There were 142 discharges as shown below, leaving a balance of 81 convicts in the Jail at the close of the year :—

On expiry of sentence	88
On remission of sentence under remission rules	23
On bail and appeal	25
Transferred to other Jails	1
Transferred to Sub-Jails for trial in other cases	4
Died	1
Total ...	142

One convict was sent to Jalpaiguri Jail to stand his trial there in a case against him. There was no escape during the year.

The daily average number of convicts was 91·42 as compared with 92·88 in the previous year.

Excluding the 17 re-admissions the total number of actual admissions was 117, of whom 94 were natives of the State and 23 outsiders, the percentage being 80·34 and 19·65 respectively.

71. *Re-conviction.*—Five old offenders were admitted into the Jail during the year, of whom 3 were re-convicted at the Sudder Courts and 2 at the Sub-divisional courts as compared with 6 in the previous year. Of the total number of admissions from the Sudder Courts the percentage of re-convictions was 6·38 as against 2·53 in the previous year; while from Sub-divisional courts the percentage was 2·85 as against 7·14 in the previous year.

72. *Religion.*—The following Statement shows the religions of the convicts admitted from local courts during the year and their percentages to the Jail Population as compared with the figures of the previous two years.:—

Description.		Years.		
		1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.
ADMISSIONS.—	Hindus	43	38	23
	Mahomedans	61	40	23
	Other denominations	1	...	1
PERCENTAGES.—	Hindus	40·95	48·71	48·93
	Mahomedans	58·19	51·27	48·93
	Other denominations	0·95	...	2·12

73. *Length of Sentences.*—The following table shows the length of sentences passed by the Sudder courts on convicts admitted during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year:—

Description.	1926-27.		1927-28.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month	29	37·18	7	14·89
Above one month and not exceeding 3 months.	15	19·23	21	44·68
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months	16	20·51	3	6·38
Above 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	3	3·84	6	12·76
Above one year and not exceeding 2 years	4	5·13	2	4·25
Above 2 years and not exceeding 5 years	5	6·41	3	6·38
Above 5 years and not exceeding 10 years.	3	3·84	5	10·63
Transportation for life	3	3·84	...	...

There were no prisoners sentenced to Transportation for life during the year.

74. *Female Convicts.*—There was no female convict in the Jail at the beginning of the year. Four were admitted and two released during the year leaving 2 at the close of the year.

The daily average was 0·08 as compared with 0·20 in the previous year.

The female prisoners were accommodated in a separate enclosure inside the Jail having a latrine and a water reservoir within it for their use. Cooked food was supplied to them from the general Kitchen.

75. *Juvenile Offenders.*—Two juvenile offenders under the age of 16 years were admitted into the Jail during the year as compared with 5 in the previous year; one of these, who was a girl, was convicted under Section 326 Indian Penal Code, and sentenced to a fine of Rs. 100. She was released on payment of the fine. The other was a boy who was convicted under Section 379, Indian Penal Code. He was a habitual offender and was sentenced to 1 year's rigorous imprisonment.

76. *Transportation prisoners.*—There were 9 life-convicts in the Jail at the beginning of the year of whom one was released under order of the Regency Council in accordance with the Jail Code Rule 580 and one died in the Jail Hospital during the year, leaving 7 at the close of the year.

No transportation prisoner was admitted in to the Jail during the year.

77. *Remission System.*—Twenty-three convicts were released during the year under the remission system, against 30 in the previous year. The maximum period of remission earned by a convict was 1 year and 1 day. He had a sentence of 8 year's rigorous imprisonment.

78. *Offences and Punishments.*—The following table shows the Jail offences committed by, and the punishments awarded to, convicts during the year as compared with those of the previous year :—

Description.	1926-27.	1927-28.
OFFENCES.—		
Criminal offence	1	...
Offences relating to work	14	25
" " to forbidden articles	13	25
" " to assault &c.	2	1
" " to breaches of Jail discipline ...	30	43
" " to escape	1	...
" " to attempt at escape	1	...
Total ...	62	94
PUNISHMEMTS.—		
Corporal punishment	1	...
Forfeiture of remissions	15	18
Degradation from higher to lower grade	3	6
Hand-cuffing to staple	7	1
Night hand-cuffs	2	5
Cross bar fetters	...	...
Penal diet	...	...
Changes of labour	1	2
Gunny clothing	...	6
Solitary cell	1	5
Judicially punished	4	...
Heavy fetters	7	11
Warnings	21	40
Total ...	62	94

79. *Undertrial Prisoners.*—The following statement gives the details of undertrial prisoners :—

Awaiting trial at the close of the previous year ...		24	
Admitted during the year :—			
From Local Courts	62		
From Sub-Jails	29		
Re-admitted on rejection of bail ...	2		
Total admission ...		93	
Total of undertrial prisoners to be dealt with ...			117
DISCHARGE.—			
Convicted (includes 2 fined only)		44	
Released on P. R. bond		2	
Released on bail (includes 1 released after giving deposition as a witness)		14	
Acquitted		35	
Transferred to Sub-Jails		9	
Transferred to British Jails		5	
Lunatics kept under medical observation... ...		2	
Total discharged ...			111
Remaining at the close of the year			6

The two lunatics shown as kept under medical observation have charges against them under sections 457, 380 and 326, 307 Indian Penal Code respectively.

The average detention of undertrial prisoners was 33·18 days as compared with 21·08 days in the previous year.

The maximum and minimum periods of detention in Sessions and Magistrate's cases are given below :—

Description.	1926-27.		1927-28.	
	Maximum days.	Minimum days.	Maximum days.	Minimum days.
Sessions	73	25	111	46
Magistrate's cases ...	82	1	73	1

The following table shows the average periods of detention of undertrial prisoners confined in the Sudder Jail and tried in the different courts of the State :—

	Days.
1. Sessions Court	66·44
2. Fouzdari Ahilkar	17·58
3. Treasury Officer	44·33
4. Debuttar Naib Ahilkar	12·00
5. Tufangunj Courts	16·55
6. Mathabhanga „	6·40

Leaving out of consideration the two re-admissions, the total of admissions of undertrial prisoners was 91. Of these, 68 were natives of the State of whom 32 were Hindus and 36 Mahomedans and 23 foreigners. Of the latter, 17 were Hindus, 4 Mahomedans and 2 of the other denominations.

The percentages of conviction and release amongst undertrial prisoners are given below as compared with the figures of the previous two years :—

Description.	Years. 1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.
Number of undertrial prisoners whose cases were disposed of	103	89	81
Number of undertrial prisoners convicted ...	66	57	46
Number of undertrial prisoners acquitted & discharged	37	32	35
Percentage of conviction	64·08	64·05	56·79
Percentage of release	35·92	35·95	43·21

80. *Civil Prisoners.*—There was no civil prisoner in the Jail at the beginning of the year. Seven were admitted during the year from the Sudder courts, 2 from Tufangunj, 1 from Mathabhanga and 1 from Dinhata Sub-Jail making a total of 11 civil prisoners. Of these, 10 were released leaving one at the close of the year.

The daily average number was 1·19 as compared with 0·18 in the previous year.

81. *Lunatics.*—There was one criminal lunatic at the beginning of the year. Two suspected criminal lunatics were admitted, one from the Sudder and one from the Mekligunj Sub-division. All the 3 remained in custody at the close of the year.

One of the lunatics, Tullu Das, having been declared by the Medical Officer to have become sane and capable of making his defence, was placed on trial under section 302 Indian Penal Code but was acquitted on the ground of insanity by the Sessions Judge. He is to be detained in the Jail under medical observation for a further period of one year.

82. *Employment of Prisoners.*—The average number of convict officers employed during the year was 12·77 as compared with 10·57 in the previous year. Of the 12·77 convict officers, convict warders represent 2 per cent and convict overseers 10·77 per cent.

Four convict officers were punished during the year against 5 in the previous year.

Convicts were employed on :—

(1.) Oil pressing.

(2.) Crushing grains for making crushed food.

(3.) Making Ærated water.

(4.) Dâl and wheat grinding.

(5.) Weaving prison clothing, Dusters and Durries.

(6.) Gardening.

(7.) Bamboo works.

They were also employed on ordinary Jail duties, on repairs to Jail buildings which were not under the Public Works Department and on hire to the State Offices and State Rice Mill. The daily average number of convicts was 91·42. Of this number 4·54 were sick and under medical observation, 0·77 was not employed for special reasons and 86·11 were employed on different works.

The following table shows the daily average number of labouring convicts employed on different works during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Description.	Year. 1926-27.	1927-28
1. Jail servants including convict officers and others employed for Jail purposes	27·88	32·98
2. Repairs to Jail	2·80	3·93
3. The Palace and its gardens	3·79	3·76
4. Working on hire	3·03	1·24
5. Jail garden	7·85	7·08
6. Jail manufactures	25·27	19·64
7. The Residential quarters and Police Parade ground	Nil.	2·39
8. State Rice-mills	15·92	15·09
	86·54	86·11

83. *Manufacturing Results.*—The following table shows the result of the manufacturing operations carried on during the year :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
DEBITS.—			
Cash in hand at the end of previous year	.....		
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the previous year	637	7	0
Value of raw materials in hand	1,839	11	6
Value of plants and machinery in hand	843	4	3
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year under report	53	13	9
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the previous year	3,937	3	11
Amount drawn from Treasury	11,329	7	5
Total Debits	18,640	15	10
CREDITS.—			
Cash in hand at the end of the year	.....		
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the year	188	7	3
Value of raw materials in hand at the end of the year ...	4,608	8	6
Value of plants and machinery in hand at the end of the year	829	8	6
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the previous year	.....		
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the year	647	14	9
Amount paid into the Treasury	14,031	15	9
Total Credits ...	20,306	6	9
Difference or profit ...	1,665	6	11
Average earning per head of those sentenced to labour...	19	8	3
Do. Do. employed on manufacture including garden and extra-mural labour ...	58	0	7

The profit of the year was Rs. 1,665-6-11 as compared with Rs. 5,141-1-7 in the previous year. The decrease in profit was due to the following causes :—

(1) The number of convicts employed in manufacture was less than in the previous year being 19·64 against 25·27 per diem in the previous year.

(2) The demand and sale of crushed food were less.
(3) The manufacture and sale of mustard oil was less.
(4) A large number of convicts were hired out without remuneration to make and improve State ground such as the Police Parade ground.
(5) A sum of about one thousand rupees was written off as bad debts.
(6) Many prisoners were employed on Jail repairs.

Free convict labour was also supplied in the State Rice Mill throughout the year.

The amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the close of the year was Rs. 647-14-9 as compared with Rs. 3,937-3-11 in the previous year.

84. *Jail Industries.*—The result of the principal industries carried on in the Jail during the year are shown below :—

Crushed food.—The total sale of crushed food was Rs. 4,132-7 as compared with Rs. 7,124-3 in the previous year. There was a loss of Rs. 810-13 on this industry during the year which is due to—

(*a*) Writing off of Rs. 694 under this head as bad debts.

(*b*) Destruction of grain and bags to the value of Rs. 391 by rats.

Oil pressing.—278 maunds 10 seers 8 chataks of mustard seeds and 8 maunds 10 seers 8 chataks of Til seeds were pressed in the Timber hand mills of the Jail during the year yielding 85 maunds 8½ chataks of oil and 182 maunds 15 seers 12 chataks of oil-cake as compared with 412 maunds 30 seers and 12 chataks of mustard seeds and 9 maunds and 35 seers of Til seeds yielding an outturn of 133 maunds 28 seers and 11 chataks of oil and 270 maunds 38 seers and 4 chataks of oil-cake in the previous year. The profit from this industry was Rs. 701-13-1 against Rs. 1,060-7-6 in the previous year. The decrease in profit is due to the decrease in sale.

Ærated water.—11,057 bottles of Soda water and 6,432 bottles of Lemonade were manufactured and sold during the year to the value of Rs. 792. The profit on this industry was Rs. 181-10-6 against Rs. 415-12-6 in the previous year. The decrease is due to diminished rates at which ærated water was sold during the year. The decrease in rates is due to competition.

Dâl and wheat grinding.—The total quantity of wheat ground during the year was 43 maunds 38 seers 12 chataks yielding an outturn of 33 maunds 5 seers 3½ chataks of Atta and 9 maunds 5 seers 12 chataks of Bhushi. In the previous year 108 maunds of pulses and wheat were ground which yielded 81 maunds 12 seers 7 chataks of Atta and Dâl and 22 maunds 6 seers 11 chataks of Bhushi. Convicts not being available, Dâl was not manufactured during the year. There was a profit of Rs. 113-2-3 against Rs. 152 in the previous year. The decrease is due to the decrease in sale.

Weaving and Tailoring.—This industry is maintained for preparing Durries and Ashons for sale, Dosuti cloth for making prisoners' clothing is also made in the Tailoring Department. The profit was Rs. 547-11-4 against Rs. 800 in the previous year. The decrease was due to the fact that the Tailoring branch was removed from the Manufacturing to the General Department.

Jute works.—This industry is maintained for twisting jute string and weaving gunny cloth for sale and making Tât bedding for prisoners. There was a sale of 4 maunds 18 seers of jute string and 22 thans of gunny cloth to the value of Rs. 309-4-6 during the year as compared with 3 maunds 4 seers of jute string and 44½ thans of gunny cloth to the value of Rs. 550-9-9 in the previous year showing a profit of Rs. 145-5-6 and Rs. 346-2-9 respectively. The decrease in profit is due to the decrease in sale.

Gardening.—The profit under this head was Rs. 469-2-9 including Rs. 215-8-3 for the sale proceeds of date juice, as compared with Rs. 827 including Rs. 302 for date juice in the previous year. The decrease in receipts for date juice is due to the transfer of a large number of trees to the Police Department with the Police Parade ground; while the decrease in the sales of vegetables is due to a general failure in the growth of the vegetables.

There was a decrease of Rs. 207 in hire of convicts and a sum of about Rs. 280 in other miscellanous minor industries, all due to less employment of convicts.

The following table shows the number of convicts employed in different industries as compared with those in the previous year :—

Industry.	Years. 1926-27.	1927-28.
Oil pressing	2211	1558
Crushed food	1305	570
Wheat grinding	598	566
Aerated water	302	449
Jute work	825	426
Gardening	2418	2160
Hire of convicts	932	380
Weaving	2072	2235
Miscellaneous manufacture (Bamboo works, smithy, carpentry, washing etc.	471	190
Total ...	11134	8534

85. *Earnings.*—The gross estimated earnings of prisoners are given below calculated at the rate of annas 6 as wages of each prisoner per diem:—

Discription.	Number 1927-28.	Years. 1926-27. Rs.	A.	P.	1927-28. Rs.	A.	P.
Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed for preparing articles for Jail	9960	3,220	8	0	3,735	0	0
Prisoners employed on Jail repairs ...	1201	324	0	0	450	6	0
Do. do. in the Palace and its garden	1106	438	6	0	414	12	0
Do. hired out	380	349	8	0	142	8	0
Do. employed in Jail garden ...	2160	906	12	0	810	0	0
Do. do. on Jail manufacture ...	5993	2,919	0	0	2,247	6	0
Do. do. in State Rice Mill ...	4604	1,839	6	0	1,726	8	0
Do. no. in residential quarters...	498	.....			186	12	0
Do. do. in Police Parade ground	231	.....			86	10	0
Total ...	26133	9,997	8	0	9,799	14	0

A sum of Rs, 11,329-7-5 was drawn for manufacturing purpose from the Treasury and the amount of Rs. 14,031-15-9 was remitted to the Treasury as sale proceeds of manufured articles during the year under report making a cash profit of Rs. 2,702-8-4.

86. *Costs.*—The following table shows the gross and net cost of the Jail and the average cost per prisoner for maintenance as compared with the figures of the previous year:—

Heads of charges.	Years. 1926-27. Rs.	As.	P.	1927-28. Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	6,555	1	2	75,69	8	5
Feeding charges	7,160	0	9	7,294	10	6
Contingencies including Hospital charges	2,264	2	0	2,100	5	9
Clothing and bedding	3,813	10	0	2,492	1	0
Building and repairs	333	4	9	707	10	3
Travelling allowance	23	2	0	20	8	0
Total	20,149	4	8	20,184	11	11
Deduct estimated earning ...	9,997	8	0	9,799	14	0
Net cost	10,151	12	8	10,384	13	11
Average cost of each prisoner ...	195	13	0	194	1	0
Average net cost of each prisoner ...	98	10	5	99	13	6

87. *Prices of food stuff.*—The average prices per maund paid for the principal articles of Jail diet as compared with those of the previous year are given below :—

Description.	Years. 1926-27. Rs.	A.	P.	1927-28. Rs.	A.	P.
Rice	6	9	2	6	12	0
Dâl	7	13	3	8	0	7
Attah	8	9	1	8	8	0
Mustard oil	30	10	10	30	0	0
Salt	3	0	4	3	4	4
Meat	25	0	0	25	0	0
Fish	15	1	11	15	9	4
Dahi	8	3	9	7	10	11

88. The average cost per prisoner incurred under the different heads of charges is shown below as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	Years 1926-27. Rs.	As.	P.	1927-28. Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	63	11	2	72	12	5
Feeding charges	69	9	3	70	2	1
Contingencies including Hospital charges...	22	0	0	20	3	1
Clothing and bedding	37	0	11	23	15	4
Building and repairs	3	3	9	6	12	10
Travelling allowance	0	3	7	0	3	2

89. *Hospital.*—41 prisoners were treated as in-door patient in the Jail Hospital as compared with 54 in the previous year. Out-door patients treated for minor diseases numbered 791. The figure shown under minor diseases during the previous year was 1837 which included prophylactic treatment by quinine and castor oil and also vaccination. These cases have not included in the present report. The daily average number of sick prisoners was 0·77 against 1·22 in the previous year.

The principal diseases treated during the year were :—

Name of diseases.	In-door.	Out-door.
Malarial fever	16	211
Dysentery	5	31
Diarrhoea and Dyspepsia	.....	112
Other diseases	20	437
Total ...	41	791

There was one death in the Jail Hospital during the year. The death was due to Dropsy.

Water drawn from the well inside the Jail was used throughout the year for drinking purposes. It was boiled and cooled before distribution. The well was regularly disinfected during the year with permanganate of potash under the supervision of the Medical officer.

90. *Inspections.*—The Vice-President visited the Jail 6 times during the year. The Civil Surgeon and the Fouzdari Ahilkar who is Officer in-charge of Jail visited it regularly. The Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi and Political Agent for the State, and the Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar, each visited the institution once during the year.

91. *Religious Instructions.*—The local Resident Minister of the Nababidhan Brahma Samaj visited the Jail every Monday and imparted religious and moral instructions to all prisoners. Mahomedan Moulavi held religious service at special Mahomedan festivals for the benefit of the Mahomedan prisoners.

92. *Staff.*—The following staff worked throughout the year :—

Jailor, Rai Shaheb Dinobandhu Ghosh, Clerk Srijut Haranath Sarker, Store-keeper Srijut Basanta Kumar Chatterjee. The staff worked satisfactorily.

Statements C. D. E. F. G. H. and I. are appended.

93. *Sub Jails*—31 prisoners remained in the 4 Sub-Jails at the beginning of the year. 374 were admitted and 382 discharged leaving 23 prisioners at the close of the year.

The discharge consisted of 252 releases, 127 transfers and 3 escapes. One undertrial prisoner escaped from Mekligunj Sub-Jail but was forthwith recaptured and tried and sentenced to 6 months' Rigorous Imprisonment under Section 223 Indian Penal Code. Two other undertrial prisoners escaped from Dinhata Sub-Jail one of whom has subsequently been recaptured.

The daily average population was at—

Dinhata	3·27
Mathabhanga	5·05
Mekliganj	3·73
Tufangunj	0·66

94. The following table shows the disposal of prisoners of the 4 Sub-Jails of the State :—

		Names of Sub-jails.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Released ...	1926-27	68	74	27	17
	1927-28	77	107	51	17
Transferred	1926-27	36	39	11	38
	1927-28	45	38	8	36
Escaped ...	1926 27	...	...	...	...
	1927-28	2	...	1	...
Died ...	1926-27	...	...	...	...
	1927-28	...	...	...	...

95. The following table shows the gross and average cost as well as the gross earnings in the Sub-Jails :—

		Names of Lock-ups.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Daily average No. ...	1926-27 ...	3·27	7·86	3·07	2·36
	1927-28 ...	3·27	5.05	3·73	0·66
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gross earnings	1926-27 ...	14 3 6	.....	18 8 6	.....
	1927-28 ...	19 8 6	.....	13 12 0	.....
Gross cost	1926-27 ...	1,180 15 2	1,702 14 6	1,214 15 4	1,223 15 6
	1927-28 ...	1,295 0 8	1,563 9 11	1,305 8 6	1,167 7 6
Average cost	1926-27 ...	384 10 9	220 13 11	287 6 7	392 10 5
	1927-28 ...	390 0 11	309 9 8	346 2 2	1,744 11 1

96. *Inspection.*—The Sub-Jails were inspected by the Vice-President, the Fouzdari Ahilkar and the Civil Surgeon of the State during the year. The Naib Ahilkars of the Sub-divisions visited their respective Sub-Jails regularly.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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97. *Charge.*—Rai Saroda Charan Mitra Bahadur, B.E, State Engineer, was in-charge of the Department throughout the year.

The report has been divided into the following 4 sections :—

I. Public Works Department, including Communications and Palace Works.

II. Contribution Works.

III. Establishment.

IV. Chaklajat Public Works Department.

The Communication Improvement Fund which was closed during the year under report and the Palace works have been included in the Public Works Budget.

SECTION I.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

98. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 8,54,976 which was subsequently decreased to Rs. 7,88,928 in the Revised Budget.

The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,14,042 against Rs. 3,19,420 in the previous year. The non-expenditure of Rs. 74,886 is due to non-completion of several items of works and non-submission of the final bills of the Water Works at Cooch Behar. Statement "J", appended, will show the details of expenditure under the different heads.

The total receipts amounted to Rs. 9,951 against Rs. 9,802 in the previous year including Communication Improvement receipts.

The expenditure under Section I. has been sub-divided into :—

(1.) Original Works.

(2.) Repairs.

99. *Original Works.*—The total expenditure on Original Works was Rs. 4,48,467 against Rs. 3,05,772 in the previous year.

The important original works executed during the year under report are briefly described below :—

JAIL.

Construction of a Sub-Jail at Tufangunj.—Rs. 1,907 was expended during the year towards collection of materials but the work had to be postponed.

Construction of a ward in the Lock-up at Mekligunj.—A sum of Rs. 1,830 was spent during the year for collection of materials. The work had to be postponed.

POLICE.

Police Barracks at Cooch Behar.—The work of constructing a two storied pucca building for the Police Barracks at Cooch Behar was in progress throughout the year. Rs. 47,647 was expended during the year against the estimate of Rs. 49,550. The work has since been completed.

EDUCATIONAL.

Conversion of the thatched roof of the College extension into corrugated iron roof and providing pucca partition walls.—The thatched shed of the College with its two tiled roofed wings was converted into a pucca building with a Corrugated Iron roof at a total cost of Rs. 26,862 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 27,770.

MEDICAL.

Construction of a Dispensary at Bamanhat.—A corrugated iron roofed building on steel trusses and 10″ pucca walls consisting of 4 rooms *viz.*—one Doctor's room 17′ × 12′, one Operation room 12′ × 8′, one Store room 12′ × 8′ and one Dispensary 9′ × 8′ with two side verandahs 4′ – 6″ wide and also a 6′ – 6″ wide continuous verandah at the south is under construction. Rs. 3,473 was spent during the year against the budget provision of Rs. 6,300.

Projabatshal Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Chikitsalaya.—Rs. 44,000 was provided for this work in the Public Works Department Budget in order to meet the balance of the estimate. Further details are given under "Contribution works."

REVENUE.

Construction of a Guard Room and Kitchen close to the Strong room of the Treasury Building at Sudder for the Police Treasury Guard.—The work of the Guard house was completed from the previous year at a cost of Rs. 2,107.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

A pavilion over the pucca Ghat in front of Madan Mohan Thakurbari.—An open shed 19′-6″ × 9′-6″ with ornamental pillars and archings with pucca roof and floor over the pucca Ghat in front of Madan Mohan Thakurbari was completed at a cost of Rs. 1,682 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,766.

Extension of Nahabatkhana in the Madan Mohan Thakurbari.—Two rooms 14′ × 10′ each were added to both sides of the existing Nahabatkhana at a cost of Rs. 2,585 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,660.

Pucca Ghat in front of Madan Mohan Thakubari.—A pucca Ghat 20′ ft. wide was constructed in front of the Madan Mohan Thakurabari at a cost of Rs. 2,905 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 3,190.

DAK BUNGALOWS.

Reconstruction of the Mekliganj Dâk Bungalow (as a pucca building).—A Corrugated Iron roofed Bungalow with 10″ pucca walls and terraced floor consisting of one central room measuring 14′ × 12′, 2 side rooms 14′ × 13′, two dressing rooms 10′ × 7′ with two bath rooms 8′ × 7′ at sides and a 7′-10″ wide verandah between the dressing rooms and at the front a 6′-6″ wide verandah throughout the whole length with a semi-octagonal portico at the centre was completed at a cost of Rs. 6,361 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,500.

RESIDENTIAL.

Construction of Kitchen, Pantry and Store room for the Vice-President's house.—The following buildings were completed at a cost of Rs. 12,796 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 12,720.

(1) *Kitchen.*—A pucca house 20′ × 18′-3″ with an 8′ wide Raniganj tiled roofed sloped verandah in the east and a 5′ ft. wide sloped verandah of the same type in the north up to its whole length.

(2) *Pantry.*—A pucca house 12′ × 10′.

(3) *Store Room.*—A pucca house 12′ × 7′ with a 5″ partition wall.

Servants' Quarters and Covered passage for the Vice-President's house.—A Corrugated Iron roofed house with asbestos ceiling over steel trusses on pucca walls consisting of 5 bed rooms each measuring 14′ × 10′ with a cook room and a verandah at the back attached to each and a 5′-6″ wide continuous verandah in front throughout the whole length and a Raniganj tiled roofed covered passage 160′ ft long and 6′-6″ wide were completed at a cost of Rs. 14,094 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 15,759.

Certain additions and alterations to the Dowager Maharani's house occupied by the Revenue Officer.—Certain additions and alterations such as providing louvre, enclosing verandah, extension of surface drain, etc. were made at a cost of Rs. 1,933 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,050.

Re-construction of the Kitchen of the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Tufanganj.—A Corrugated Iron roofed kitchen 15′ × 8′ with a 5′ ft. wide verandah in front with steel trusses and pucca walls was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,191 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,500.

Certain additions and alterations to Vice-President's House.—Certain additions and alterations to the Vice-President's house were made at a cost of Rs. 7,158 against the provision of Rs. 7,300.

Additions and alterations to Audit Officer's House.—A light second storey with two rooms—one measuring 19′ – 3″ × 15′ – 6″ and another 16′ – 2″ × 12′ – 5″ with a 5′ ft. wide passage between them—was erected over the main building of the Audit Officer's house. The house had 5″ H. B. walls with intermediate brick pillars and asbestos corrugated roof on steel trusses.

The existing bath room was extended and converted into a staircase room with re-inforced concrete stairs. The adjoining Corrugated Iron roofed bath room was dismantled and re-erected in altered position. The partition walls of the tin roofed out-house were demolished and the house was converted into a decent room.

The total cost of works amounted to Rs. 8,223 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 7,727. The excess was due to some extra works and was met from general savings.

Conversion of the old kitchen at Vice-President's House into a Guard Room—The old kitchen at Vice-President's house was converted into a Guard Room at a cost of Rs. 1,671 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,615. It included the cost of an additional room for use as a Cook room for a Mahomedan guard.

Acquisition of land for some State houses.—Rs. 8,228 was paid as compensation for acquiring lands for erection of State houses at the south-west corner of the Narendra Narayan Park.

Certain works done in 1915-16 in Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's house.—Rs. 2,192 was paid for certain works done in 1915-16 in Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's house as per Regency Council orders.

ELECTRICAL.

Construction of a new Power House for Electrical Department.—A new Power House for the Electrical Department is under construction. Rs. 39,019 was spent up to the end of the year.

Electrical Godown, Workshop and Office, etc.—A quadrangular shaped block of buildings with a court yard at the middle was constructed. It consists of two large rooms 44′–7″ × 20′, one for the Workshop and the other for the Store Room. Besides there are 10 other rooms which are of the following measurements:—

(1) 20′ × 10′ godown for packing boxes etc.
(2) 20′ × 15′ Engine spare parts room.
(3) 15′ × 10′ Electrical Mistry's room.
(4) 13′ × 6′–1″ Bath Room.
(5) 15′ × 15′ Electrician's Room.
(6) 15′ × 15′ Electrical Engineer's Room.
(7) 15′ × 20′ Fan and other instruments repairs room.
(8) 20′ × 10′ Kerosine and Petrol Godown.
(9) 11′ × 10′ Store Keeper's Office.
(10) 11′ × 10′ Darwan's Room.

The building has got Corrugated Iron roofing on steel frame and pucca walls and asbestos ceiling. The verandah portion has got terraced roof. The total cost of the works amounted to Rs. 27,683 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 28,418.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pucca Latrine for the Artisans School.—A single-seated pucca latrine 4′–6″ × 4′ was constructed with old bricks at a cost of Rs. 170 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 160.

Purchase of a new Engine, Hullers etc. and constructing an overhead shafting for the Rice Mill.—A new Engine, Hullers etc., for the Rice Mill were purchased during the year and erected at site. The work of overhead shafting is in progress. Rs. 23,507 was adjusted during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 25,000.

Mahuts' Quarters with kitchen.—Mahuts' quarters with corrugated iron roof on steel frames and 10″ pucca walls and asbestos ceiling were constructed at a cost of Rs. 12,637 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 12,919. The house has got 6 bed rooms each measuring 20′ × 12′ and 6 cook rooms 12′ × 8′ each at the back of bed rooms. A 4′–6″ wide continuous verandah in the front and 4 small verandahs at the back were also provided.

Furniture Godown for the Shooting Camp.—A corrugated iron roofed godown with 10″ pucca walls and steel trusses was constructed at a cost of Rs. 29,523 against the provision of Rs. 29,795. It has got three main rooms one for the tent 71′–2″ × 24′, one for the furniture 40′–1″ × 24′ and another for Crockery 19′–8″ × 24′. Besides three small rooms in front—one for the office 15′–2″ × 10′–10″ one for Darwan 10′–2″ × 8′–11″ and another for cook room 7′ × 6′, leaving an open verandah measuring 103′–6″ × 11′–3″. The three main rooms have also been provided with necessary iron racks.

Shed for housing Engine, Boiler and Hullers for the Rice Mill at Cooch Behar.—A shed 84′–7″ × 41′–8″ with corrugated iron roofing over steel frames and brick walls for housing the Engine, Boiler etc. for the Rice Mill is under construction. Rs. 15,146 was spent during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 18,990.

Steeping tank for the Rice Mill.—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,145 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 1,200.

Extension of drying platform for the Rice Mill—The work is in progress. Rs. 3,674 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 3,500.

Addition, alterations and improvements to the Council Office.—Certain additions, alterations and improvements to the Council Office were made at a cost of Rs. 1,659 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,567.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

100. *Drainage Scheme for the town of Cooch Behar.*—The work is in progress. Rs. 10,188 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 10,160.

101. *Water works at Cooch Behar.*—The works were nearly completed by the end of the year under report. The final bills were not received during the year and therefore a sum of Rs. 27,329 lapsed at the close of the year. The total expenditure under this head was as follows:—

	Rs.
1925-26	4,688
1926-27	1,07,084
1927-28	84,312
	1,96,084

102. *Forest in General.*—A list of forests in the State maintained by the Public Works Department is given below. All the forests mentioned therein were maintained according to the needs of each. The total cost was Rs. 584 against the provision of Rs. 700:—

Serial No.	Locality.	Class of Forest.	Natural or cultural.	Areas. B.	K.	Ch
1.	Nilkuty	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125	0	0
2.	Do.	Do.	Do.	121	0	0
3.	Do.	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
4.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	0	18	0
5.	Charakorkuty	Do.	Do.	585	6	12
6.	Ghegirghat Natuarpar ...	Do.	Do.	300	1	18
7.	Nabaoganj Balasi	Do.	Do.	178	13	7
8.	Torsa Char Forest	Do.	Natural.	17	0	4
9.	Kholta	Do.	Cultural.	8	0	0
10.	Bogribari	Do.	Do.	10	0	0
11.	Gossanimari	Sâl.	Natural.	67	0	0
12.	Jigabari	Do.	Do.	1	15	0
13.	Natabari (Charaljani) ...	Do.	Do.	57	0	0
14.	Charan Sathalee	Do.	Do.	67	0	0
15.	Chota Salbari	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
16.	Bara Salbari	Do.	Do.	50	0	0
17.	Nilkuty	Do.	Cultural.	1	0	0
18.	Do.	Do.	Do.	7	0	0
19.	Mathabhanga Balarhat ...	Do.	Natural.	38	15	0
20.	Teldhar Bodeswari	Do.	Do.	261	2	0
21.	Garati	Do.	Do.	124	0	0
22.	Nilkuty	Teak.	Cultural.	3	0	0
23.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	2	5	0
24.	Dowaguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
25.	Nilkuty	Do.	Do.	8	2	0
26.	Talliguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
27.	Kholta	Do.	Do.	6	0	0
			Total ...	2051	9	9

PALACE—COOCH BEHAR.

103. *Construction of new turrets and certain additions and alterations to the Palace.*—The work has been completed at a total cost of Rs. 1,36,384 against the estimate of Rs. 1,38,315.

PALACE—DARJEELING.

104. *Additions and alterations to the main building, refitting electric light in the altered portion and repairs to the compound path and Tennis Courts at Colinton.*—The works which remained incomplete in the year 1926-27 were completed. The final adjustments of the dues could not be made during the year as the bill was received after the year was brought to a close. The provision of Rs. 1,112 had therefore lapsed.

COMMUNICATION.

105. *Protection of the iron bridge on the Gidhari river in the 13th mile of Dinhata-Mekligunj Road.*—The iron bridge on the Gidhari river in the 13th mile of Dinhata-Mekligunj Road had to be protected at a total cost of Rs. 1,564 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,920.

Bridges and Culverts 1926-27.—The project was a continuous one. The following bridges which could not be completed in the year 1926-27 were completed during the year under report:—

(1) 12′ span iron bridge on the 6th mile of Cooch Behar-Shitalkhuchi Road.

(2) 10′ span Iron Bridge on the 10th mile of Chikliguri Road.

The 6′ span Iron Bridge on the 6th mile of Lowkuty Rood and the 10′ span Iron Bridge on the 11th mile of Patlakhawa Road were abandoned.

Iron Bridge in the 11th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.—The work could not be completed during the year on account of scarcity of labour. The total expenditure up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 7,483 only against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 10,500

Reconstruction of two iron bridges on the 13th and 14th miles of Emigration Road west.—The works are in progress. Rs. 1,905 was spent during the year for collection of materials against the provision of Rs. 2,000.

20′ span Iron Bridge on the 8th mile of Katamari-Manabari Road.—The work has been completed at a cost of Rs 2,684 against the provision of Rs. 2,600.

120′ Iron Bridge on the 40th mile of Emigration Road west.—The work is in progress. Rs. 7,167 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 6,500.

Providing berm road to the Emigration Road west.—The Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar was provided with a berm road at a cost of Rs. 18,834 against the provision of Rs. 20,000.

Metalling Town roads.—A portion of Shibendra Narayan Road and Ahmuty Road from Calika Das Road to Hazrapara Road was metalled during the year at a cost of Rs. 3,997 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 4,500.

Providing pucca culverts on Town Roads.—A 2′ diameter pucca culvert over the drain on the north side of Ulick Brown Street was constructed at a cost of Rs 109 against the provision of Rs. 300.

Iron Bridge on the 5th mile of Emigration Road west.—The existing bridge at this spot was washed away during the year under report. A new bridge near the site being a necessity, the recovery of the steel materials of the old bridge which were embedded in the deeply scoured bed of the channel was taken in hand. The work is in progress. Only Rs. 168 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 2,500.

Timber Bridge on the 10th mile of Emigration Road west.—A timber bridge of 5 spans of 22′ ft. each on joist piles in the 10th mile of Emigration Road west was completed at a cost of Rs. 5,847 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 5,300. The excess was met from general savings.

Straightening and widening a portion of Gordon Road.—A portion of Gordon Road between Sunity Road and Nripendra Narayan Road was straightened and widened at a cost of Rs. 1,331 against the estimate of the same amount.

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Metalling a portion of Kalighat Road.—A portion of Kalighat Road was metalled with stone at a cost of Rs. 977 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 983.

Protection of Shutunga Bridge.—The work is in progress. Rs. 2,409 was spent during the year for collection of materials against the provision of Rs. 4,000.

Providing be·m road to Lowkuty road up to Kaljani.—The work is in progress. A sum of Rs. 2,607 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 3,000.

(2) REPAIRS—PUBLIC WORKS.

106. The statement "J" appended hereto will show the expenditure on repairs for the year under report.

The total expenditure under repairs amounted to Rs. 58,691 against the provision of Rs. 60,383.

Jails.—General repairs were done to the Sudder Jail and the Mofussil Lock ups.

Police.—The Police Buildings, hitherto maintained by the Police Department, and the Barracks were generally repaired.

Educational.—Ordinary repairs were done to the Victoria College, Jenkins School and the boarding houses and the school buildings in the Sub-divisions.

Medical.—General repairs were done to the dispensaries both at Sudder and in Mofussil.

Revenue.—The Revenue Office and Treasury at Sudder, the Sub-divisional buildings and the Tehsil Office at Haldibari were repaired.

Ecclesiastical.—The Brahmo Samaj Building, Anandamoyee Dharmasala, Cemetery, Samadhi in the Keshab Asram, Brahmo Missionary's quarters and the Thakurbaries both at Sudder and in Moffussil were generally repaired.

Dâk Bungalows.—Ordinary repairs were done to the Sudder Dâk Bungalow and Mofussil Rest Houses.

Residential.—Thorough repairs were done to almost all the residential houses.

Miscellaneous.—The State Offices and courts at the Sudder, Mahuts' shed in the Sub-divisions, Pilkhana and Godown etc., were generally repaired.

Military.—Ordinary repairs were done to the Barracks, Stables and Magazine.

Miscellaneous Public Improvements.—General maintenance was done to the State gardens, Anti-Cholera wells and tube wells.

107. *Tools and Plant.*—The undermentioned tools and plants were purchased at a cost of Rs. 4,344 against the provision of Rs. 5,500:—

Soorkee Mill with 7′ pan	1 No.
Office table	8 Nos.
Typist table	1 No.
Whatnot	3 Nos.
Chairs	12 Nos.
Bench	2 „
Book shelf	1 No.
Almirah	1 „
Manilla rope 1½″ diameter	720 Rft.
Steel wire rope ¾″ diameter	300 „
English spade	24 Nos
American Axe	12 „
Diamond Glazier	2 „
Smith Bellow 30″	1 No.
Metallic Tape 50′ ft.	6 Nos.
Do. 100 ft.	2 „
Drawing articles	1 Item.
Levelling staff	2 Nos.
Land measuring chain	4 „
Parallel Ruler	1 No.
Drawing Instrument box	4 Nos.
Minor Tools	1 item.

Repairs—Palace, Cooch Behar.

Repairs to Palace and connected buildings. - General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 33,887 against the provision of Rs. 35,700, the details of which has been shown in the statement submitted herewith.

Repairs—Palace, Woodlands.

Repairs to houses and upkeep of roads etc.—The houses were repaired at a total cost of Rs. 8,065 against the provision of Rs 8,370.

Repairs—Communication.

The statement (L) appended hereto shows the mileage of roads in the State under this department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shown in the statement. The statement "K" gives details of works done on each road.

The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 80,018 against Rs. 96,867 in the previous year.

Section II—Contribution Works.

108. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 27,287 against Rs. 75,415 in the previous year *vide* statement "M" appended hereto.

The following are the principal items of expenditure :—

Constructing Cooch Behar-Goalpara Boundary Pillars.—Rs. 897 was expended during the year for erecting boundary pillars. The expenditure up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 6,841.

Constructing Projabatshal Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Chikitsalaya at Cooch Behar.—The work is approaching completion. A sum of Rs. 23,052 was expended during the year and the total amount paid up to the end of the year came to Rs. 1,26,369.

Construction of a Hostel for the Hindu boys of Nripendra Narayan High English School at Debigunj.—The work is in progress. A sum of Rs. 2,548 was spent up to the end of the year against the estimate of Rs. 5,706.

Constructing a Corrugated Iron roofed building for the Sunity Academy.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 608 was returned to the Contributor during the year.

Providing brick-nogging walls, additional room, bath room and verandah to the Assistant Manager's quarters at Debigunj.—The work was completed during the year but the final payment was not made. A sum of Rs. 943 was expended up to the end of the year against the estimate of Rs. 1,750.

Repairs to Court of Wards Building.—The Court of Wards Building was repaired during the year at a cost of Rs. 100.

Section III.—Establishment.

109. The following establishment was maintained during the year under report :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Palace	49,434
Chaklajat	1,520
Total ...	50,954

The sum provided in the Budget of the year under report is distributed as given below :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Palace	50,918
Chaklajat	1,384
Total ...	52,302

With the aid of this establishment works to the value of Rs. 7,02,354 were done. The details are given below :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department including Palace and Communication ...	6,64,608
Contribution Works	27,287
Chaklajat	10,459
Total ...	7,02,354

The percentage of expenditure on Establishment with reference to the total expenditure on works comes to 7·25 per cent against 5·50 per cent of the previous year.

Section IV.—Chaklajat Public Works Department.

110. The original provision of the year under report was Rs. 17,768 which was reduced to Rs. 14,928 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 4,281 leaving a total amount of Rs. 7,698 for adjustment in the current year as the bills did not reach the Chaklajat Office before the close of the financial year. The actual expenditure of the previous year was Rs. 12,614. The Statement "N" appended hereto shows the actual expenditure on works executed during the year.

Original Works.

111. *Construction of a new Toke Kutchery at Kharibari.*—A new Corrugated Iron roofed Kutchery building 20′ × 16′ with pucca floor and lath plastered wall and a Corrugated Iron roofed kitchen 16′ × 10′ – 3″ with pucca floor and bamboo Jafri walls were constructed. A cement concrete ring well provided for in the project could not be taken in hand.

Providing pucca floor and Corrugated Iron sheet walling to the out-house of the Boda Kutchery.—The Corrugated Iron sheet walling was completed at a cost of about Rs. 805 but the charges could not be adjusted during the financial year.

Repairs.

112. General repairs were done to the buildings. A sum of Rs. 2,719 could only be paid by the Manager, Chaklajat Estates, out of the provision of Rs. 10,762 during the year under report.

Establishment.

113. Establishment charges for the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,520 against Rs. 789 in the previous year. The excess was due to the entertainment of a Sub-Overseer for the Estate works.

V.—ARTISAN SCHOOL.

114. *Cha ge.*—Rai Saroda Charan Mitra Bahadur, B.E., State Engineer, was in-charge of the Artisan School throughout the year under report.

The original Budget grant of the Artisan School for the year under report was Rs. 28,906 which was reduced to Rs. 22,000 in the Revised Estimate, whereas the original estimated receipt of Rs. 22,129 was subsequently reduced to Rs. 18,608 in the Revised Budget.

The total expenditure of the year under report amounted to Rs. 20,032-10-3 and the balance of Rs. 1,967-5-9 was remitted to the Treasury as the unexpended balance.

The statement of expenditure is given below :—

	Rs.
I. Establishment.—	
(1) Permanent Establishment	4,670
(2) Travelling allowance	147
(3) Contingencies	224
Total ...	5,041
II. Tools and Plant.—	
(1) Purchase of Tools	329
(2) Repairing Tools	148
Total ...	477
III. Purchase of Raw Materials for manufacture.—	
The expenditure under this head was	7,429
IV. Temporary Establishment and Ticca Labourers.—	
The expenditure under this head was	7,164
V. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—	
(1) Repairs to Anti-cholera Tube wells	176

Out of the provision for the purchase of Tools, the following articles were purchased during the year under report:—

(1)	Lifting worm-geared Pulley block with chain ...	1 No.
(2)	Stanley metallic Plumb and Spirit level 36″ × 12″ ...	1 No.
(3)	Canvas hose for cleaning boilers 25′	1 No.
(4)	⅜″ Auger	1 No.
(5)	½″ „	1 No.
(6)	Iron smooting plane	1 „
(7)	Washer cutter	1 „
(8)	Iron wrenches assorted	8 Nos.
(9)	File brush	1 No.
(10)	¼″ High speed twist drills	2 Nos.
(11)	⅜″ Do. Do.	2 „
(12)	Sledge Hammer 8 lbs.	1 No.

The estimated amount of receipts for the year was Rs. 20,433 which was reduced to Rs. 17,966 in the Revised Estimate. The actual amount of receipts of the year under report was Rs. 16,208 including realisation of the arrears of previous years against the sum of Rs. 16,560 as the actual value of works executed. The net arrears of the year is Rs. 2,276, so that a sum of Rs. 1,924 was due to arrears realised for previous years.

VI.—EDUCATION.

I.—Primary and Secondary Education.

115. *Charge.*—Srijut Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B. A., Inspector of Schools, held charge of the Primary and Secondary Education in the State throughout the year under report.

116. The following Table shows the details of strength, attendance and expenditure of the different classes of Educational Institutions in the State during the past two years:—

Class of Schools.	1926-1927.			1927-1928.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-1927.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1927-1928.		
	Nos. of Institutions.	Nos. of pupils on 31st March 1927.	Average daily attendance.	Nos. of Institutions.	Nos. of pupils on 31st March 1928.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
—*State Institutions*—												
Middle Vernacular	13	823	517	13	903	542	6,174	1,561	7,735	7,505	1,642	9,147
TOTAL ...	13	823	517	13	903	542	6,174	1,561	7,735	7,505	1,642	9,147
I.—*Grant-in-aid Schools*—												
Higher English „	4	870	675	4	907	691	13,494	18,490	31,984	13,501	20,208	33,709
Middle English „	18	1,143	777	18	1,192	809	5,047	7,195	12,242	5,122	7,413	12,535
Ditto Vernacular „	14	710	496	15	721	571	2,651	1,264	3,915	2,738	1,648	4,386
TOTAL ...	36	2,723	1,948	37	2,820	2,071	21,192	26,949	48,141	21,361	29,269	50,630
II.—*Primary Schools*—												
Upper Primary „	46	2,150	1,442	45	2,111	1,491	4,025	3,827	7,852	3,928	4,071	7,999
Lower Primary „	150	5,318	3,711	150	5,331	3,634	6,748	8,266	15,009	6,697	8,953	15,650
Night Schools ...	6	93	68	6	87	59	240	50	290	240	.....	240
Girls Schools ...	3	45	29	3	36	22	126	.....	126	128	.....	128
Muktabs ...	7	137	104	7	158	112	269	358	627	276	402	678
TOTAL ...	212	7,738	5,354	211	7,723	5,318	11,403	12,501	23,904	11,269	13,426	24,695
V.—*Private Institutions*.												
Middle English Schools	4	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	600	600	.....	467	467
Middle Vernacular Schools.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary „	1	22	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	350	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary „	61	2,067	1,387	70	2,401	1,687	.....	3,995	3,995	.....	4,789	4,789
Night Schools ...	6	80	57	6	89	63	.....	276	276	.....	204	204
Girls Schools ..	4	56	38	2	26	18	.....	80	80	.....	36	36
Muktabs	7	200	139	5	165	103	.....	564	564	.....	552	552
TOTAL ...	83	2,425	1,637	89	2,681	1,876	.....	5,865	5,865	.....	6,048	6,048
GRAND TOTAL ...	344	13,709	9,456	350	14,127	9,807	38,769	46,876	85,645	40,135	50,385	90,520

From the foregoing table it will be seen that on the 31st March, 1928, there were 350 schools of all classes with the strength and an average daily attendance of 14127 and 9767 pupils respectively, against 344 schools with 13709 pupils and an average daily attendance of 9456 in the previous year. There was thus an increase of 6 schools, of 418 pupils and of 351 in the average daily attendance.

The total expenditure on Public Instruction amounted during the year under report to Rs. 90,520 as compared with Rs. 85,645 in the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 4,875. Of the total expenditure Rs. 40,135 was met from the State and Rs. 50,385 was found from local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 38,769 and Rs. 46,876.

117. *Results of Public Examinations.*—The following table shows the results of all the schools under the Department in the several examinations:—

Class of Examinations.	1926-1927.						1927-1928.					
	Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	Number Passed.				Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	Number Passed.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Matriculation	4	41	14	11	2	27	4	35	15	10	3	28
Middle English	15	42	5	13	6	24	18	50	1	10	10	30
Ditto for Females	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1
Middle Vernacular ...	30	67	2	18	17	37	37	63	2	16	10	30
Ditto for Females	2	2	2	...	...	2	2	3	2	1	...	3
Upper Primary	111	334	61	102	67	230	112	348	43	104	83	230
Ditto for Females	4	7	5	2	...	7	3	8	4	2	1	7
Lower Primary	245	821	413	253	..	666	268	884	507	208	...	715
Ditto for Females	10	24	18	4	...	22	5	38	28	7	...	35
Sanskrit Tole	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1
Total ...	422	1339	520	403	93	1016	450	1431	596	350	106	1052

From the foregoing table it will be seen that 35 candidates sat for the Matriculation Examination in the year under report and of them 28 came out successful, 15 being placed in the first division, 10 in the second and 3 in the third. Of the 41 candidates sent up in the preceding year 27 passed: 14 in the first division, 11 in the second and 2 in the third.

In the competitive examinations for Middle and Primary Scholarships, 31 passed the Middle English, 33 the Middle Vernacular, 237 the Upper Primary and 750 the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations against 24 Middle English, 39 Middle Vernacular, 237 Upper Primary and 688 Lower Primary successful candidates during the preceding year. The percentage of passes was 79·6 against 78·4 in the preceding year.

In the year under report one female candidate sat for the Middle English, 3 for the Middle Vernacular, 8 for the Upper Primary and 38 for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 50 candidates 46 passed: 34 in the first division, 10 in second and 2 in the third against 33 candidates and 31 successes of the preceding year.

The Sanskrit Tole sent up only 1 candidate who passed and was awarded the Temple Scholarship.

118. *The Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—The following table gives in a summary form the details of strength, attendance and expenditure

of the Sub-divisional High English Schools as they stood on the 31st March, 1928:—

Names of Institutions.	No. of students.		No. of pupil studying.		EXPENDITURE.				
						From Local sources.			
	Roll on the 31st March 1928.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	Grand Total.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Mathabhanga H. E.	286	230	188	103	3,380	4,074	1,319	5,393	8,773
2. Mekligunj H. E.	200	138	175	25	3,379	3,272	1,445	4,717	8,096
3. Dinhata H. E.	265	203	206	59	3,370	4,545	1,047	5,592	8,962
4. Tufangunj H. E.	156	120	123	33	3,372	2,126	2,280	4,506	7,878
Total ..	907	691	687	220	13,501	14,017	6,191	20,208	33,709

The number of pupils on the rolls of the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools on the 31st March, 1928, was 907 against 870 on the corresponding date of the previous year, showing an increase of 37 pupils. In detail this represents an increase of 20 pupils in the Mekligunj, 1 in the Dinhata and 20 in the Tufangunj schools and a decrease of 4 in the Mathabhanga School.

The average daily attendance in these schools was 82·1 per cent of the average number on the roll as compared with 84·5 per cent in the previous year. The number of English-reading pupils increased from 684 to 687. Of the total number of 907 pupils, 739 were Hindus, 156 Mahomedans, 4 Christians and 8 of other communities as compared with 704 Hindus, 148 Mahomedans, 5 Christians and 13 of other communities in the previous year. The number of Cooch Behari pupils in these schools was 355 or 39·1 per cent against 39 per cent in the previous year.

The total expenditure on these Schools was Rs. 33,709, of which Rs. 13,501 was met from the State, Rs. 14,017 from fees and Rs. 6,191 from other sources. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 31,984, Rs. 13,494, Rs. 14,313 and Rs. 4,177. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 1,725 which was mainly due to the fact that almost the full amount sanctioned under "Establishment" was drawn during the year. The fee receipts in these schools decreased by Rs. 296 and the Mekligunj and the Tufangunj schools worked at a deficit, to make up which the interest on their invested funds had to be drawn on.

The Sub-divisional High English Schools had a sound financial basis, as the invested funds to their credit stood at Rs. 64,350-12-10 on the 31st March, 1928 The Secretaries had also a cash balance of Rs. 3,936-5-5 at the end of the year.

119. *Teaching Staff.—(a)* Babu Hem Chandra Dutta, B. A., 1st Assistant Teacher, Mathabhanga High English School, was on medical leave up to the 28th October, 1927 in continuation of medical leave for 9 months of the previous year. Babu Dhirendra Nath Pal, B. A., and Babu Nagar Basi Saha, B.SC., were successively appointed to act for him during his absence.

(*b*) Moulvi Mahomed Mohabulla, Persian Teacher, Mathabhanga High English School, was on privilege leave for one month with effect from the 3rd January, 1928, and Moulvi Saidar Rahaman, an outsider, was temporarily appointed to act for him.

(*c*) Pandit Nakhatra Kumar Chakravarti, Head Pandit, Vernacular Department, Mathabhanga High English School, was on privilege leave with effect from the 15th April, 1927, to the end of the Summer Vacation. Babu Bhuban Mohan Dakua, 2nd Pandit, acted as Head Pandit, and Babu Upendra Kumar Chkravarti, an outsider, was appointed to act for the 2nd Pandit.

(*d*) The services of Munshi Befar Uddin, Head Pandit, Vernacular Department, Mekligunj High English School, were dispensed with from December, 1927 owing to the abolition of that Department.

(*e*) Officiating arrangements were made to manage the work of the 6th Master, Mekligunj High English School, who was granted privilege leave for 3 months from the 1st February, 1928.

(*f*) Officiating arrangements were also made for the work of the Sanskrit Pandit of the Mekligunj High English School who went away on leave without pay for 6 months with effect from the 24th February, 1928.

(*g*) Srijut Hari Das Kabyatirtha, Sanskrit Teacher, Tufangunj High English School, resigned his post and the vacancy was filled up by the appointment of Srijut Satish Chandra Kabyatirtha with effect from the 22nd April, 1927.

120. *Managing Committees.*—There were 6 sittings of the School Committee at Mekligunj, 6 at Tufangunj, 4 at Dinhata and 5 at Mathabhanga.

121. *The Examination results.*—The following table shows the results of the 4 Sub-divisional High English schools in the different Public Examinations during the year under report :—

Names of schools.	Matriculation.					Middle English.					Middle Vernacular.					Upper Primary.					Lower Primary			
	Nos. of candidates.	Number passed				Nos. of candidates.	Number passed				Nos. of candidates.	Number passed.				Nos. of candidates.	Number passed.				Nos. of candidates.	Number passed.		
		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.		1st division.	2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.		1st division.	2nd division.	Total.
Mathabhanga H. E.	8	4	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	4	1	1	1	3	18	16	2	18
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	12	5	5	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	...	3	...	3	13	9	4	13
Dinhata H. E. ...	18	7	4	3	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	18	5	5	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mekligunj H. E. ...	5	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	6	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1
Tufangunj H. E. ...	4	1	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	5	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

From the above Table it will be seen that 35 candidates were sent up for the Matriculation Examination from the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools against 41 candidates in the previous year; 28 of them came out successful: 15 passing in the first division, 10 in the second and 3 in the third. The number of successful candidates in the previous year was 27 : 14 in the first division, 11 in the second and 2 in the third.

29 boys were sent up for the different scholarship examinations from the the Vernacular Departments of these schools, of whom 26 passed: 18 in the first division, 5 in the second and 3 in the third. The percentage of passes was 92·8 against 95·2 of the year preceding.

122. *Discipline.*—Discipline during the year was satisfactory.

123. *Prizes.*—The sanctioned State grant of Rs. 333 for prizes was duly remitted to the Secretaries. The Vice-President presided at the Prize Distributions at Dinhata and Mekligunj schools, and the Judicial Member at the Tufangunj School.

124. *Boarding Institutions.*—The number of boarders in the Boarding Institutions attached to the Sub-divisional High English schools was 108 on the 31st March last against 112 in the preceding year. Of these, 77 were Hindus and 31 Mahomedans. Fifty-two were natives of the State.

The general condition of the Boarding Institutions in respect of diet and sanitary arrangements as well as supervision and control, continued to be satisfactory.

The State paid Rs. 1,980 towards the upkeep of these Institutions.

125. *Educational Conference.*—The Annual Educational Conference of the Head Masters of the High English Schools in the State was held on the 11th December, 1927, under the Presidency of the Principal, Victoria College, Cooch Behar.

126. *The Middle English Schools.*—The following Table shows the particulars of the Middle English Schools as they existed on the 31st March, 1928:—

	Names of Schools.	Nos. of students.		Pupils studying Language.		Expenditure.		
		Roll on the 31st March, 1928.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State	From Local sources.	Total.
	1926-27.							
1	Gobrasarah M. E. ...	74	52	50	74	360	725	1,085
2	Kharkharia „ ...	64	55	41	64	336	424	760
3	Haldibari „ ...	92	58	76	92	480	946	1,426
4	Shoulmari „ ...	60	48	36	60	300	300	600
5	Maricha „ ...	91	64	17	91	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari „ ...	50	36	25	50	180	132	312
7	Upanchouki „ ...	74	59	50	74	336	564	900
8	Bamanhat „ ...	86	54	57	86	336	600	936
9	Fulbari „ ...	54	46	22	54	150	240	390
10	Sudder Model „ ...	.....	.....	107	107	360	497	857
11	Gitaldah „ ...	.....	.....	26	26	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani „ ...	65	33	51	65	288	300	588
13	Alakjhari „ ...	59	35	34	59	276	423	699
14	Per Mekligunj „ ...	67	52	34	67	204	229	433
15	Nishimoyee „ ...	87	43	34	87	240	374	614
16	Balarampur „ ...	.....	.....	27	27	120	156	276
17	Choupathi „ ...	120	95	39	120	300	235	535
18	Unishbisha „ ...	100	47	41	100	181	450	631
19	Khalishamari un-aided „ ...	.....	.....	18	18	.....	180	180
20	Dharmeshari „ ...	.....	.....	12	12	.....	180	180
21	Panigram „ ...	.....	.....	9	9	.....	120	120
22	Chhat Pakhibaga „ ...	.....	.....	7	7	.....	120	120
	Total ...	1143	777	804	1349	5,047	7,795	12,842
	1927-28.					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Gobrasarah M. E. ...	77	61	53	77	360	729	1,089
2	Kharkharia „ ...	60	39	37	60	336	428	764
3	Haldibari „ ...	86	57	75	86	480	1,001	1,481
4	Soulmari „ ...	68	46	40	68	300	300	600
5	Maricha „ ...	89	65	25	89	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari „ ...	55	40	30	55	170	130	300
7	Upanchouki „ ...	78	53	60	78	358	540	898
8	Bamanhat „ ..	88	56	58	88	346	614	960
9	Fulbari „ ...	69	42	22	69	180	240	420
10	Sudder Model „ ...	.....	.....	114	114	360	460	820
11	Gitaldah „ ...	.....	.....	26	26	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani „ ...	79	58	51	79	288	455	743
13	Alakjhari „ ...	79	42	32	79	276	324	600
14	Per Mekligunj „ ...	60	58	28	60	204	183	387
15	Nishimoyee „ ...	78	45	19	78	240	420	660
16	Balarampur „ ...	.....	.....	23	23	120	149	269
17	Choupathi „ ...	110	80	30	110	300	228	528
18	Unishbisha „ ...	116	72	56	116	204	612	816
19	Sahebganj un-aided ...	.....	.....	34	34	...	75	75
20	Changrabanda „ ...	.....	.....	23	23	...	252	252
21	Pundibari „ ...	.....	.....	24	24	...	140	140
22	Panigram „ ...	.....	.....	10	10	...	...	.....
23	Khalishamari „ ...	.....	.....	12	12	...	...	.....
24	Kamat Changrabandha ...	.....	.....	36	36	...	...	.....
	Total ...	1,192	809	918	1,494	5,122	7,880	13,002

It will be seen from the above table that the total number of Middle English Schools during the year under report was 24, of which 18 were aided and 6 unaided against 18 aided and 4 unaided in the year preceding. The opening of 4 English classes during the year in connection with Vernacular schools and closing of 2 in the preceding year for want of support, account for the increase of two in the number of unaided institutions of this class.

On the 31st of March last, there were 1192 pupils on the rolls of the regular Middle English Schools against 1143 in the previous year, showing an increase of 49 in the number of pupils. The average daily attendance of these schools also rose from 777 to 809 or by 32.

Of the total number of pupils 751 were Hindus and 441 Mahomedans against 692 Hindus and 451 Mahomedans in the previous year. The percentage of attendance was 75·7 against 84·9 in the preceding year.

The number of English-reading boys in these schools was 818 against 804 in the previous year, showing an increase of 114.

The expenditure on the Middle English Schools amounted to Rs. 13,002, of which Rs. 5,122 was paid by the State and Rs. 7,880 met from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 12,842, Rs. 5,047 and Rs. 7,795. The total expenditure increased by Rs 160, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 75 and that of the people Rs. 85.

127. The following table compares the results of these schools in the Middle and Primary Scholarship Examinations for the last 2 years :—

Class of Examination.	1926-27.					1927-28.				
	No. sent up.	No. passed.				No. sent up.	No. passed.			
		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Middle English	39	5	12	6	23	51	10	10	11	31
„ Vernacular	17	...	5	4	9	15	...	5	3	8
Upper Primary	55	17	15	6	38	54	9	19	18	46
Lower Primary	54	43	7	...	50	54	31	13	...	44
Total ...	165	65	39	16	120	174	50	47	32	129

From the above table it will be seen that 174 candidates were sent up from the Middle English Schools to the several Scholarship Examinations, 51 to the Middle English, 15 to the Middle Vernacular, 54 to the Upper Primary and 54 to the Lower Primary. Of these, 168 actually appeared and 129 passed: 50 in the first division, 47 in the second and 32 in the third. The percentage of passes was 76·7 against 75·4 in the preceding year.

128. *The Model Vernacular Schools.*—The following table gives details of the 13 Model Schools in the State during the year 1927-28 :—

Nos.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Nos. of Students.			Expenditure.		
		Nos. of pupils on the 31st March 1928.	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average number on the rolls.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
	1926-1927.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model ...	152	104	140	1,498	528	2,026
2	Balarampur " ...	57	30	55	402	95	497
3	Baneswar " ...	53	39	50	384	76	460
4	Natabari " ...	51	41	50	373	94	467
5	Chilakhana " ...	87	47	73	347	126	473
6	Dewanhat " ...	59	39	53	436	85	521
7	Gitaldah " ...	76	53	63	351	122	473
8	Changrabanda " ...	41	28	30	444	56	500
9	Pundibari " ...	46	24	40	386	84	470
10	Kheti " ...	64	33	47	393	58	451
11	Kesaribari " ...	47	20	3[illegible]	407	44	451
12	Shitalkhuchi " ...	47	28	43	392	81	473
13	Dewangunj " ...	43	36	43	361	112	473
	Total ...	823	517	717	6,174	1,561	7,735
	1927-1928.						
1	Sudder Model ...	153	103	149	1,595	565	2,160
2	Balarampur " ...	59	30	57	490	96	586
3	Baneswar " ...	55	40	50	457	95	552
4	Natabari " ...	71	47	54	469	117	586
5	Chilakhana " ...	78	45	74	475	118	593
6	Dewanhat " ...	49	36	51	524	86	610
7	Gitaldah " ...	75	60	74	467	140	607
8	Changrabanda " ...	42	23	35	506	79	585
9	Pundibari " ...	54	31	38	476	57	533
10	Kheti " ...	105	36	65	499	61	560
11	Kesaribari " ...	45	24	40	512	53	565
12	Shitalkhuchi " ...	65	23	35	531	52	585
13	Dewangunj " ...	52	34	39	504	91	595
	Total ...	903	542	764	7,505	1,642	9,147

It will be seen from the above table that the total number of pupils on the rolls of the 13 Model Schools on the 31st March last was 903 against 823 in the previous year, showing an increase of 80 pupils. The average daily attendance also improved from 517 to 542. The percentage of attendance was 70·9 against 72·1 in the previous year.

Of the total number of 903 pupils in the Model Schools, 623 were Hindus and 280 Mahomedans against 533 Hindus and 290 Mahomedans in the previous year. The Hindu pupils increased by 90, while the Mahomedan pupils decreased by 10.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of these 13 schools amounted during the year under report to Rs. 9,147 towards which the State contributed Rs. 7,505 and Rs. 1,642 was met from School fees. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 7,735, Rs. 6,174 and Rs. 1,561. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 1,412 of which the State's share was Rs. 1,331 and the peoples' share Rs. 81. The increase in the State's share was due to the revision of pay of the teachers of the Model Schools on the recommendations of the Salaries Committee.

The Model Schools sent up 15 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 54 to the Upper Primary and 31 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total of 100 candidates, 4 were absent and 81 passed : 37 in the first division, 28 in the second and 16 in the third against 117 candidates and 92 successes in the preceding year. The percentage of passes was 84·3 against 82·1 in the previous year

129. *The Middle Vernacular Schools.*—There were 15 aided Middle Vernacular Schools in the State on the 31st March, 1928, against 14 on the corresponding date in the previous year. The raising of the Singimari Upper

Primary School to the Middle Vernacular status accounts for the increase of one Institution of this class.

The number of pupils on the rolls of these 15 Schools on the 31 March, 1928 was 721 against 710 in the previous year, showing an increase of 11 pupils. The average daily attendance also improved from 496 to 571. The percentage of attendance was 84·9 against 77·2 in the preceding year. Of the total number of pupils 519 were Hindus and 202 Mahomedans against 496 Hindus and 214 Mahomedans in the preceding year.

The expenditure on these Schools during the year under report amounted to Rs. 4,386, of which Rs. 2,738 was paid from the State and Rs. 1,648 was found from local sources. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 3,915, Rs. 2,651 and Rs. 1,264. With the increase of one Institution the total expenditure increased by Rs. 471, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 87 and that of the people Rs. 384.

The aided Middle Vernacular Schools sent up 14 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 39 to the Upper Primary and 51 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 104 candidates, 10 were absent and 79 passed, 52 being placed in the first division, 20 in the second and 7 in the third. The percentage of passes was 84 against 88·2 in the previous year.

130. *Special Schools.*—The number of special schools in the State on the 31st March, 1928 continued to be 3 as in the preceding year. The number of pupils on the rolls of these schools was 108 against 127 of the year before, showing a decrease of 19 pupils. Of these, 67 were Hindus and 41 Mahomedans. The average daily attendance of pupils fell from 84 to 81. The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 692, of which the State paid Rs. 420, and the people Rs. 272 against Rs. 678, Rs. 420 and Rs. 258 respectively, in the preceding year:—

(*a*) *The Sudder Nagri School.*—The strength of the School further declined from 39 to 31 and the average daily attendance from 28 to 26.

The total amount spent for the school was Rs. 188 towards which the State paid Rs. 144 and the people Rs. 44 against Rs. 198, Rs. 144 and Rs. 54 respectively, in the preceding year.

The school did not send any candidate to the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination. In the preceding year it passed 2 candidates. Steps are being taken for bettering the condition of the school.

(*b*) *The Sudder Madrasa.*—The number of pupils on the rolls of the Sudder Madrasa continued to be 34 as in the preceding year. The average daily attendance of pupils was 25 against 27 in the preceding year.

The expenditure on the Madrasa amounted to Rs. 264 of which the State paid Rs. 144 and the people Rs. 120. The same amount was spent from the two sources in the preceding year.

As in the previous year the Moulvi of the Jenkins School examined the boys of the Madrasa at the time of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination.

(*c*) *The Anjumani Islamia.*—The number on the roll of the Anjumani Islamia was 43 on the 31st March, 1928 against 54 in the preceding year showing a decrease of 11 pupils. The average daily attendance slightly improved from 29 to 30.

The expenditure on the school during the year under report amounted to Rs. 240 of which Rs. 132 was paid by the State and Rs. 108 by the people. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 216, Rs. 132 and Rs. 84. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 24 which was met from local sources.

The school sent up 4 candidates to the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination and 2 to the Lower Primary and of these 6 candidates, 1 was absent and only 1 of the remaining 5 passed in the first division.

131. *Mahomedan Education.*—The total number of Institutions for the special education of Mahomedan boys in the State on the 31st March, 1928 was 14, including the Sudder Mabrasa and the Anjumani Islamia Institutions which have been included in the Middle Vernacular Schools. The number of such Institutions in the previous year was 16. Of these Schools 9 were aided and 5 unaided against 9 aided and 7 unaided in the preceding year. The number of aided Institutions of this class remained stationary while that of the unaided fell by 2.

The number of pupils on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March, 1928 was 393. The average daily attendance was 275. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 425 and 299 showing a decrease of 32 in the number of pupils and of 24 in daily attendance.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 1,734 of which Rs. 552 was provided by the State and Rs. 1,182 by the people. The corresponding figures in the previous year were Rs. 1,671, Rs. 545 and Rs. 1,126.

Over and above the sectarian schools for Mahomedans, all other Institutions for general education in the State were largely attended by Mahomedan pupils. The total number of pupils returned from all educational institutions in the State on the 31st March last was 14127. Of these, 3899 were Mahomedans.

132. *Primary Schools.*—The following table gives the particulars of the Primary Schools in the State as they existed on the 31st March, 1928:—

Class of School.	Students.			Expenditure.		
	No. of Institution.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1928	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Aided 1927-28.						
Upper Primary Schools ...	45	2111	1491	3,928	4,071	7,999
Lower Primary Schools ...	150	5331	3634	6,697	8,953	15,650
Night Schools	6	87	59	240	.....	240
Girls' Schools	3	36	22	128	.....	128
Total ...	204	7565	5206	10,993	13,024	24,017
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	2[illegible]5	7601	5250	11,134	12,143	23,277
Un-aided 1927-28.						
Upper Primary Schools ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary Schools ...	70	2401	1687	.....	4,789	4,789
Night Schools	6	89	63	.....	204	204
Girls Schools	2	26	18	.....	36	36
Total ...	78	2516	1768	.....	5,029	5,029
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	72	2225	1498	.....	4,701	4,701
Grand total for 1927-28 ...	282	10081	6974	10,993	18,053	29,046
Corresponding figures for 1926-27.	277	9826	6741	11,134	16,844	27,978

133. *Upper Primary Schools.*—The number of Upper Primary Schools in the State on the 31st March, 1928 was 45 against 47 on the same date of the previous year. By redistribution of grants one bad Upper Primary school was reduced to Lower Primary status, 2 ceased to exist, one good Upper Primary School was raised to the Middle Vernacular status and 2 good Lower Primary Schools were given Upper Primary grants for satisfactory work, the net result being a decrease of two in the number of Institutions of this class.

The strength of these Schools on the 31st March, 1928 stood at 2111 against 2172 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 61 pupils. The average daily attendance in them, however, improved from 1458 to 1491. The average strength of each school was 46·9 in the year under report against 46·2 in the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools in the year under report amounted to Rs. 7,999 towards which the State paid Rs. 3,928 and the people Rs. 4,071 as compared with Rs. 8,202, Rs. 4,025 and Rs. 4,177 in the previous year The total expenditure decreased by Rs. 203 owing to the decrease of two in the number of Institutions of this class.

The Upper Primary Schools sent up last year 14 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 144 to the Upper Primary and 155 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total number of 283 candidates, 13 were absent and 207 were successful; 107 being placed in the first division, 72 in the second and 28 in the third, giving a percentage of 76·6 of passes against 79·4 in the preceding year

134. *Lower Primary Schools.*—The number of Lower Primary Schools in the State on the 31st March, 1928, was 220 of which 150 were aided and 70 unaided against 211, 150 and 61 respectively in the previous year. There was thus an increase of 9 in the number of unaided Lower Primary Schools. The number of aided schools remained the same.

These 220 Lower Primary Schools had on their rolls on the 31st March, 1928, 7,732 pupils and showed an average daily attendance of 5,321 against 7,380 and 5,098 respectively in the previous year. The average strength of a Lower Primary school was 35·1 against 34·9 in the preceding year.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 20,439, of which the State paid Rs. 6,697 and the people Rs. 13,742 against Rs. 19,004, Rs. 6,743 and Rs. 12,261 respectively in the previous year. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 1,435, which was entirely met from local sources.

135. The following comparative table gives the results of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations during the last 2 years :—

No.	Centre of Examination.	1926-1927.						1927-1928.					
		Nos. of schools.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			Absentees.	Nos. of schools.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			Absentees.
				1st division.	2nd division.	Total.				1st division.	2nd division.	Total.	
1	Sudder	65	222	67	100	167	7	71	227	134	49	183	21
2	Dinhata	65	2[illegible]3	106	44	150	5	65	200	77	60	137	17
3	Mathabhanga ...	55	195	119	52	171	5	50	219	139	53	192	[illegible]
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5	Tufanganj.... ...	27	96	55	25	80	1	26	99	81	10	91	[illegible]
	Total ...	255	845	431	257	688	20	273	922	535	215	750	60

The total number of candidates enrolled for the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination from 273 schools of different classes was 922 against 845 candidates from 255 schools in the year preceding. Excluding the 60 absentees, 750, who were actually examined, were successful; 535 being placed in the first division and 215 in the second, giving a percentage of 87 passes against 83·3 in the preceding year. A sum of Rs. 510 was, as in previous years, distributed at different centres by the Superintendents of Examination to the Gurus and their successful candidates on the results of the examination.

136. *Night Schools.*—The number of Night Schools on the 31st March, 1928 was 12 of which 6 were aided and 6 unaided ; the number being the same as in the preceding year.

The Night Schools had on their rolls 176 pupils, the average 122 nightly attendance being 122. The corresponding figures in the year preceding were 173 and 125.

The total expenditure on the Night Schools amounted to Rs. 444 in the year under report towards which the State paid Rs. 240 and the people Rs. 204 as compared with Rs. 566, Rs. 240 and Rs. 326 respectively for the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 122.

The Night Schools sent up in the year under report 14 candidates to the Lower Primary Examination, of whom 7 passed in the first division and 3 in the second. One candidate also sat for the Upper Primary Examination and passed in the second division. In the previous year 18 were sent up and 12 passed.

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The 5 Lower Primary Girls Schools, had 62 girls on their rolls on the 31st of March, 1928, the average daily attendance being 40. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were 101 and 67. With the decrease of 2 institutions, the number of pupils decreased by 39 and the attendance by 27.

The expenditure on the Lower Primary Girls Schools amounted last year to Rs. 164 of which Rs. 128 was met by the State and Rs. 36 by the people. The corresponding figures of the preceding year were Rs. 206, Rs. 126 and Rs. 80 respectively.

The number of girls sent up to the various Scholarship Examinations was 50 against 33 in the preceding year. Of these, one appeared in the Middle English, 3 in the Middle Vernacular, 8 in the Upper Primary and 38 in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations showing an increase of 17 candidates. Of the total of 50 candidates, 34 passed in the first division, 10 in the second and 2 in the third.

Of the year's Upper Primary Scholarships, 2 were won by the girls and of the Lower Primary Scholarships 3 were awarded to girls in general competition with the boys. The first place in the Middle Vernacular Examination was occupied by a Mahomedan girl. One girl occupied the first place in the Upper Primary Examination and 2 girls occupied the first and second places in the list of successful Lower Primary candidates at the Mekligunj centre.

138. *The Teachers' Provident Fund.*—On the 31st March, 1928, the number of teachers paying contribution to the Fund was 58 against 60 in the preceding year, and the number of teachers completing their fifteen years' full deposits was 13 against 15 in the previous year. The amount at the credit of the fund at the end of the year under review was Rs. 52,846-2-5 against Rs. 50,138-3-10 in the previous year. Of this amount Rs. 12,850 was invested in Government Promissory Notes, Rs. 7,500 in Postal Cash Certificates, Rs. 5,000 in Government Promissory Notes for 1933, Rs. 10,000 in War Bond for 1935, Rs. 10,000 in Government Promissory Notes for 1935, Rs. 5,496-7-11 in Postal Savings Bank, Rs. 226-13-5 in the Cooch Behar Bank Ltd. (State Guaranteed), Rs. 1,450 in Loan and Rs. 322-13-1 was cash in hand. The State continued to pay its annual contribution of Rs. 500 to the Fund

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139. *Expenditure.*—The following table gives the details of expenditure incurred by the State under various heads during the year 1927-28 :—

Head of Expenditure.	Pay actually drawn.	Travelling allowance.	Peon and contingencies.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Inspector of Schools ...	1,929	840	.....	2.769
Deputy Inspector of Schools	1,180	412	165	1,757
3 Sub-Inspectors of Schools	2,130	666	321	3,117
Office Establishment ...	939	45	654	1,638
Total ...	6,178	1,963	1,140	9,281
Prizes and Rewards ...	...	...	...	943
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	1,796
Scholarships ...	...	...	...	1,319
Charges incurred by the State for the maintenance of schools			...	40,135
		Grand Total	...	53,474
Repairs to State Model Schools	...	..	...	370
Purchase of Maps, Books and furniture	...	...	...	3 0
Sewing materials of the Sub-divisional Girls Schools...			...	16
Contribution towards building a new school house at Kotebhajani				600
Do. do. repairing the school house at Marugunj			...	10
Do. do. Teachers' Provident Fund		...	...	500
		Total	...	1,796

The aggregate expenditure on Primary and Secondary Schools in the State amounted during the year under report to Rs. 90,520 towards which the State contributed Rs. 40,135 and Rs. 50,385 was found from local sources. The corresponding figures for the previous year were Rs. 85,645, Rs. 38,769 and Rs. 46,876. There was thus an increase of Rs. 4,875 in the total expenditure, of which the State's share was Rs. 1,366 and that of the people Rs. 3,509,

The charges under "Inspection and Control" were Rs. 9,281 against Rs. 8,677 for the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 604 on account of the revised scale of pay recently sanctioned by the Regency Council for the Inspecting staff.

Miscellaneous charges including Scholarships and Rewards amounted during the year to Rs. 4,058 against Rs. 4,110 in the preceding year, showing a decrease of Rs. 52.

A summary of all the sub-heads will show that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during the year under report came up to Rs. 53,474 against 51,556 for the preceding year.

A sum of Rs. 1,642 was collected as fees from the State Model Schools and remitted to the Treasury as fee collections against Rs. 1,638 in the previous year.

The sanctioned Budget grant excluding the charges for conducting the Primary and Middle Scholarship Examinations, which are entirely met from fees collected from the candidates and including the amount of arrear pay drawn towards the close of the year owing to the increased scale of pay sanctioned with effect from 1st April, 1927, was Rs 54,811. An additional sum of Rs. 300 was also sanctioned from the Reserve Fund of the Education Budget and the contingent allotment of the General Department Office for the purchase of maps and books. Hence the total amount placed at the disposal of the Department amounted to Rs. 55,511.

140. *Inspection.*—During the year under report the Vice-President nspected the High English and the Girls Schools at Dinhata, Mekligunj and Mathabhanga.

As in the preceding years the Inspecting officers of the Department distributed quinine tabloids free of charge, amongst the school teachers, the pupils and the people in remote parts of the State.

141. The inspection done by the different officers of the Department during the year under report is shown in the following table:—

Names of officers.	Designations.	Circles.	Nos. of schools under inspection.	Nos. of visits paid.	Nos. of miles travelled.	Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P
Srijut Jnanada Charan Ghose ...	Inspector of Schools ...	Cooch Behar	350	176	4,350	839 6 0
Moulvi Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Deputy Inspector of Schools	Mathabhanga	80	214	1,749	411 14 6
Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Sub-Inspector of Schools	Mekligunj	76	214	2,224	255 1 0
Moulvi Sheikh Dayal Mohamed	,,	Dinhata.	96	220	2,120	248 15 0
,, Mukunda Nath Eshore ...	,,	Sudder.	98	213	1,404	162 5 0

It will be seen from the above Table that the Inspector of Schools paid 176 visits to schools in the State and travelled over 4850 miles. Notwithstanding strenuous office works he visited all parts of the State and inspected most of important schools.

Moulvi Mahammed Akbar Ali, B. A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, paid 214 visits and travelled over 1749 miles.

Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal, B.SC., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mekligunj, paid 214 visits and travelled over 2224 miles.

Moulvi Sheikh Dayal Mahammed, B. A., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Dinhata, paid 220 vistis and travelled over 2120 miles.

Srijut Mukunda Nath Ishore, B A., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Sudder, paid 213 visits and travelled over 1404 miles.

The Subordinate Inspecting staff and the office clerks continued to work well.

II.—Victoria College.

142. *Charge.*—Srijut Manoratha Dhan Dey, M.A., Principal, held charge of the College as well as of the Jenkins School and Boarding Institutions throughout the year.

143. *Number on the Rolls.*—The average monthly number on the rolls was 258·8 against 323·25 in the preceding year showing a decrease of 64·45.

The number on the 31st March 1928 was 248 against 332 on the corresponding date in 1927 showing a decrease of 84 or 33 8 per cent.

The highest number of students on the rolls reached in August 1927 was 285 against 343 in August 1926. They were distributed as follows:—

1st	year	I. A.	...	24
,,	,,	I. Sc.	...	46
2nd	,,	I. A.	...	47
,,	,,	I. Sc.	...	70
3rd	,,	B. A.	...	18
		B. Sc.	...	8
4th	,,	B. A.	...	45
		B. Sc.	...	27
		Total	...	285

Of these 285 students 163 were Natives of Cooch Behar including local students and 122 were outsiders.

144. *Free-students.*—Of the students on the rolls on the 31st March 1928, 20 or 8·03 per cent were free students against 22 out of 332 or 6·6 per cent in the preceding year.

The free-students were classed as follows :—

Natives	14
Other Free-students (local or sons of State servants).	6

These figures include the inmates of the Rajgon Boarding Institution and recognised Rajguns who are, as a rule, entitled to free-studentships in the College.

145. *Average daily attendance.*—The average daily attendance was 154·37 in the year under report as against 214·3 in the previous year, or excluding three months *viz.*, January, February and March during which the 2nd and 4th year classes did not sit, 193·51 as against 271·3.

Percentage of attendance was 83·09 as against 83·9.

146. *Admission.*—162 students were admitted during the year under report against 186 and 231 in the two previous years *viz.*, 1926-27 and 1925-26.

147. *University Examinations.*—The following statement gives the number of students sent up for the various University Examinations in the year 1927 with the results :—

	Examinations.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B.A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	32	60	40*	29

	Examinations.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number passed	18	33	15(*a*) (*b*)	14 (*c*)
First division	3	24	...	...
Second ,, ...	11	7	...	...
Third ,, ...	4	2	.	...

*With 4 honours in English.
(*a*) 2 with 2nd class Honours in English. (*b*) One with distinction. (*c*) 6 with distinction.

The sub-joined table shows the number of students who appeared at the various University Examinations in the year 1928 and the number passed :—

	Examinations.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	33	59	39*	25
Number of passed	17	40	17(*a*)	13(*b*)
First Division	5	21	...	...
Second Division	9	16	...	...
Third Division	3	3	...	...

* Including one Honour candidate in English.
(*a*) 3 with distinction. (*b*) 5 with distinction.

148. *Residence of students.*—The following Hostels and unattached Messes were licensed by the University for the residence of the College students during the year under report:—

(1) The College Hindu Hostel.
(2) The Moslem Hostel.
(3) The Santi Kutir Mess.

149. *Leave, appointments &c.*—Srijut Tarapada Das, M.SC., was appointed additional Professor of Mathematics with effect from the 26th July 1927.

Srijut Phani Bhusan Chatterjee, M.A., Professor of Chemistry was granted privilege leave for 2½ months with effect from the 30th January 1928.

Srijut Manoratha Dhan Dey, M.A., Principal, was on leave for 43 days with effect from the 3rd January 1928 and Srijut Sarat Chandra Gupta, M.A., Professor of English officiated for him.

Srijut Durga Charan Sarkar, Head Clerk and Accountant, reverted to his former post as Head Clerk of the Jenhins School and Srijut Ramanath Das, 5th Clerk, Revenue Deyartment, was appointed as Head Clerk and Accountant, with effect from the 5th July 1927.

150. *Physical Training.*—The College students played Football, Cricket, Tennis and Hockey as in previous years. Sports were, as usual, organised and prizes awarded on the occasion of the Founder's Day celebrations on the 6th March 1928.

151. *Discipline.*—Was on the whole satisfactory.

All the members of the College staff did their work satisfactorily in the year under report.

The following comparative statement shows the receipts and expenditure for the year 1927-28.—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Establishment	42,786	6	9
2.	Contingencies	4,202	11	9
	Total ...	46,989	2	6
3.	Receipts from fees	16,689	8	0
4.	State grant	30,299	10	6
5.	Cost of educating each student ...	181	2	5
6.	State share of the cost per head ...	117	1	2

It will be seen from the above that the State share of the cost per head which had been Rs. 84-8-6, previous year, increased to Rs. 117-1-2 or by Rs. 32-8-5 per capita. This is due to the increase in the salaries of the staff in accordance with the recommendations of the Salaries Committee and to the fewer number of students on the rolls.

III.—Jenkins School.

152. *Charge.*—Srijut Manindra Nath Ray, M. A., Head Master held direct charge of the School throughout the year.

153. *Numerical strength.*—On the 31st March 1928, there were 541 pupils on the rolls of the school against 556 in the previous year.

Of this number, 501 were Hindus and 40 Mahomedans. These figures were 517 and 39 respectively, in the previous year.

The total number of local pupils was 527 against 545 in the preceding year. Of the total number, 490 were Hindus and 37 Mahomedans. These figures were 545 and 37 respectively in the previous year.

The total number of foreign pupils was 14 against 11 in the previous year. Of these, 11 were Hindus and 3 Mahomedans. These figures were 9 and 2 respectively, in the preceding year.

The total number of Cooch Behari pupils was 129 against 136 in the preceding year. Of the total number, 96 were Hindus and 33 Mahomedans. These figures were 101 and 35 respectively in the preceding year.

154. *Attendance.*—The average number on the rolls was 512·36, the average attendance 460·18 and the percentage of attendance 89·60 as compared with 525·50, 430·32 and 88·23 respectively in the preceding year.

155. *Annual Examinations.*—481 boys appeared at the annual examinations (1927), of whom 287 passed in all subjects and 370 were promoted. The percentage of successes was 59·7 and of promotion was 74·2. These figures were 462, 230, 330, 50·54 and 72·52 respectively in the previous year.

156. *University Examination.*—In 1927, 23 boys appeared for the Matriculation Examination, of whom 19 were successful, 11 being placed in the 1st division, 7 in the 2nd division and 1 in the third. The percentage of successes was 82·60, the University percentage being 53·95.

Of the successful candidates 17 were Hindus and 2 Mahomedans.

Four Cooch Behari pupils appeared at the Examination and 2 were successful, one being a Hindu and one Mahomedan.

The first four places in the Cooch Behar State were secured by students from the Jenkins School, one of them securing the first place in Sanskrit and thus winning the Bhuban Nath Scholarship.

The following distinctions were secured by the boys :—

Compulsory Mathematics	6
Compulsory Sanskrit	1
Additional Mathematics	4
Additional Sanskrit	2
Mechanics	5

One boy secured distinction in 4 subjects.

In 1928, 22 boys appeared for the Matriculation Examination, 19 being Hindus and three Mahomedans and of them 21 passed :—15 in the 1st division and 6 in the 2nd division.

157. *Free studentships.*—In the year under review, there were 45 free pupils of all classes, against 42 in the previous year. They were grouped as follows :—

Rajgons	4
Rajgon Boarders	10
Scholars	3
Ex-Scholars	2
Ordinary free	25
Special free	1

These figures were 4, 8, 3, 1, 25 and 1 respectively in the previous year.

158. *Finances.*—The income and expenditure of the year under report as contrasted with the preceding year are given below :—

		1926-27.			1927-28.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
(*a*)	Income	10,869	5	6	10,747	6	0
(*b*)	Expenditure ...	23,166	9	10	24,983	0	10
(*c*)	State share of the cost	12,297	4	4	14,235	10	10
(*d*)	Total cost per boy ...	44	1	4	48	12	2
(*e*)	State share of the cost per boy.	23	5	6	27	12	6

159. *Discipline.*—There was no case of serious breach of discipline and the boys' conduct was satisfactory in and out of school.

160. *Sports and Games.*—The Inter class tournaments were held as usual, and all the trophies were won by the 2nd class except the Junior Kapaty Cup which was won by the 7th class, Section A.

There were 7 affiliated Football Clubs for the boys of the School with separate grounds of their own and each had a Football from the School by way of encouragement.

The Annual Sports were held on the 6th March 1928, Founder's Day.

The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 1,127-0-7 against Rs. 1,052-3-7 in the previous year.

161. *Staff.*—The changes in the staff during the year under report are given below :—

Srijut Suklal Chakravarti, the 18th Assistant teacher of school resigned his post with effect from the 22nd April 1927, and the vacancy was filled up by the appointment of Srijut Bimal Chandra Chakravarti, M. A., as the 14th Assistant teacher, with effect from the 19th December 1927.

Srijut Atul Chandra Ghose, the 17th Assistant teacher, was on privilege leave for one month and 13 days with effect from the 15th April 1927.

Srijut Durga Charan Sarkar, the Head Clerk of the School, who was appointed as the Head Clerk of the Victoria College on probation, reverted to his substantive post as the Head Clerk of the School with effect from the 5th July 1927. He was on privilege leave for 3 months with effect from 3rd January 1928.

Srijut Nabin Chandra Chakravarti, the 2nd Clerk of the school was on privilege leave for 2 months and 20 days with effect from the 4th February 1927.

The members of the teaching and ministerial staff did their work satisfactorily.

IV.—Boarding Institutions.

General.

162. *Staff.*—Srijut Phani Bhusan Chatterjee, M. A., the Superintendent of the Rajgon and the College Boarding Institutions, was granted privilege leave for 2 months and 12 days with effect from 30th January 1928 and Srijut Srish Chandra Majumdar, the Tutor of the Institution, officiated for him.

Srijut Surendra Narayan Chowdhuri, the Manager, College Hindu Hostel, was granted privilege leave for 2 months and 28 days from the 7th January 1928, and an outsider, Srijut Rohini Kanta Bhattacharya, was appointed to do his duties.

163. *Health and Sanitation.*—The health of the boarders was satisfactory.

164. *Diet.*—The quality of the diet was satisfactory.

165. *Attendance.*—Attandance of the boarders was regular. Strict measures were taken to ensure regularity in attendance.

166. *Physical Culture.*—Games and Sports were encouraged amongst the boarders. Many of them took active part in these with the College students.

167. The Hostel was visited by the University Inspectors in December 1927.

A.—*College Hindu Hostel.*

168. The Hostel received a monthly subsidy of Rs. 30 from the State. The monthly fee was raised from Rs. 10 to Rs. 14 including tiffin and caution money was raised from Rs. 4 to Rs. 10.

The average monthly number on the rolls was 61·5 against 63·25 in the previous year.

169. *Results of the University Examinations, 1927:—*

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	REMARKS.
B. A.	5	3	
B. Sc.	6	3	One with distinction.
I. A.	7	2	One in 2nd division and one in 3rd division.
I. Sc.	14	6	1st division.

170. The total receipt, including the cash balance of Rs. 3,893-11-8 of the previous year was Rs. 13,402-13-7 and the expenditure amounted to Rs. 8,211-4-9 leaving a cash balance at the close of the year of Rs. 5,191-8-10.

B.—*Rajgon Boarding Institution.*

171. The monthly stipend including tiffin was fixed at Rs. 14.

172. The average monthly number on the rolls was 15 as against 16·58 in the previous year.

173. The number of new admissions was six. There were 9 boys reading in the School and 7 in the College in March 1928, of whom 7 were Rajgons and 9 Natives (Non-Rajgons).

174. Tuition classes were regularly held and attendance was satisfactory.

175. *Results of the University and Annual Examinations, 1927:—*

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	2	1	
I. A.	1	...	
I. Sc.	1	...	
Annual Examination	9	8	

176. Four Magazines *viz.*—The *Prabashi*, the *Manoshi-O-Marmabani* the *Swasthya Samachar* and *Khoka Khukoo* were subscribed for

177. The total receipts and expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 4,414 and Rs. 4,166-13-8 respectively, leaving a balance at the close of the year of R. 247-2-4.

C.—*Moslem Boarding Institution.*

178. The number of students on the rolls on the 31st March, 1928 was 15, The average monthly number on the rolls was 12·91.

179. The discipline of the Institution was satisfactory.

180. The health of the boarders was generally good.

The sanitation of the Institution was satisfactory.

181. The results of the University Examinations, held in 1927, are given below:—

Two students appeared at the I. Sc. Examination of whom one was successful.

One student appeared for the I. A. examination and was successful.

One student appeared for the B. A. examination, but failed. In 1928, two B. A. and three I. Sc. students appeared at the University Examinations.

182. Up to the 31st March, 1928, State subsidy amounting to Rs. 360 was drawn from the Treasury to meet the allowance of the Superintendent and the servants.

183. Total collection and expenditure during the year under review was respectively Rs. 2,154-1 and Rs. 2,000-0-6 pies leaving a cash balance of Rs. 154-0-6 pies on the 31st March 1928. Of the receipt of Rs. 2,154-1-0, the sum of Rs. 360 was drawn from the Treasury as State subsidy, and the balance of Rs. 1,799-1-0 was realised from the boarders.

V.—Sunity Academy.

184. *Charge.*—Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, Secretary to the Managing Committee of the Academy was in charge of the Institution throughout the year.

185. *Numerical strength.*—On the 31st March 1928, there were 254 girls on the rolls of the Academy against 275 on the corresponding date in the previous year. The decrease was due to removal from the rolls of the names of those of the girls who never attended the school.

Of the total number, 237 were Hindus and 17 Mahomedans against 261 Hindus and 16 Mahomedans in the previous year. All the girls were local residents. The total number of Cooch Behar girls was 23 against 28 of the preceding year of whom 6 were Hindus and 17 Mahomedans.

186. *Attendance.*—The average roll number was 213·41. Average attendance and percentage of attendance were 201·36 and 84·01 respectively.

187. *Free-studentships.*—There were 12 free girls in the Academy during the year. They were classified as follows:—

Rajgon girl	1
Scholarship holder	1
Other poor girls	10

188. *Finance.*—The total expediture during the year was Rs. 8,044-0-4. The collection of tuition fees from the pupils was Rs. 612-12.

189. *Discipline.*—The discipline amongst the girls was satisfactory.

190. *Prizes.*—Prizes were presented to the meritorious students on their successes in the Annual Examination.

191. *Changes in the Staff.*—All the male teachers of the school were replaced by lady teachers and the following staff of lady teachers was appointed during the year:—

1. Miss Prakriti Gupta, M. A., Head Mistress.
2. „ Arunabala Nandi, B. A., Asst. „
3. „ Nihar Haldar, „ „
4. „ Utfulla Haldar, „ „
5. „ Promodini Chandra, „ „
6. „ Charu Roy, „ „

192. *Improvement.*—The Academy has been raised from an anglo-vernacular school for girls to the status of a High English School and has obtained University provisional recognition for two years from 1st January 1928, to 31st December 1929 with permission to present candidates at the Matriculation Examination of the University in 1929 and 1930.

193. *Buildings.*—The site with the buildings of the Sudder Model School for boys, situated in next compound to the Academy, with some adjoining lands has been aquired for the extension of the Institution and the erection of necessary quarters for the lady teachers. The new buildings are under construction.

VII.—STATE LIBRARY.

194. *Charge*.—Srijut Charu Chandra Dutt, B. L., Librarian, was in direct charge of the State Library throughout the year.

195. Statement "A" shows that during the year under report 60 English and 50 Bengali books against 9 and 38 respectively in the previous year were purchased.

196. Statement "B" shows the number of News Papers, Magazines etc. Subscribed for or received free for the Library.

197. During the year under report the supplementary Catalogue, of English Books had been printed and revised Catalogue of Bengali Books was in preparation.

198. The Settlement Department having vacated the Hall, it is again being used for the Reading Room.

Statement A.

No.	Languages.	No. of books on 31st March 1927.	No. of books purchased during the year 1927-28.	Total on the 31st March 1928.
1.	English ...	9,024	60	9,084
2.	Bengali ...	1,536	50	1,586
3.	Sanskrit ..	176	...	176
4.	Urdu and Persian	111	...	111
5.	Manuscripts	118	...	118
6	Foreign Languages	133	...	133
7.	Picture Albums	50	...	50
	Total ...	11,148	110	11,258

Statement B.

Names of Newspapers and Magazines subcribed for or received free.

No.	Names.	No. of copy.		
1.	Statesman	1	Daily	Subscribed.
2.	Pioneer (Allahabad)	1	,,	,,
3.	Amrit Bazar Patika	1	,,	,,
4.	Times of India (Bombay)	1	Weekly	,,
5.	Times (London)	1	,,	,,
6.	Graphic	1	,,	,,
7.	Punch	1	,,	,,
8.	Cooch Behar Gazette	1	Fortnightly	Free.
9.	Strand Magazine	1	Monthly	Subscribed.
10.	Mysore Economic Journal	1	,,	,,
11.	19th Century and After	1	,,	,,
12.	Review of Reviews	1	,,	,,
13.	Modern Review	1	,,	,,
14.	Probashi	1	,,	,,
15.	Bharatbarsa	1	,,	,,
16.	Manashi-O-Marmabani	1	,,	,,
17.	Bangabani	1	,,	,,
18.	Cooch Behar Administration Report ...	1	Annual.	Free.

VIII.—MEDICAL.

199. *Charge*.—Srijut Dineshananda Chakravarti, L. M. S., Civil Surgeon, was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

200. *General Health*.—The general health of the State during the year under report was fair. A serious epidemic of small-pox affected the State during the first months of 1928 and the year closed with cholera threatening. The following statement shows the number of cases of malarial fever, cholera and small-pox during the last three years:—

	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.
Malarial fever	21,016	17,259	19,765
Cholera	1,167	377	511
Small-pox	357	845	1,848

201. *Malarial fever.*—The increase of attendance of patients at the Hospitals and Dispensaries were mainly due to malaria, which was more prevalent in the Mofussil than at Sudder.

Eight thousand quinine tabloids were distributed during the year under report against 11,000 in the previous year as a preventive measure against malaria.

202. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—Except for the amalgamation of the Police and Military Hospital with the Sudder Hospital there was no change during the year in the number of Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State.

203. *Attendance of Patients.*—Table "O" shows the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total number of out-patients treated was 57,539 against 56,210 in the previous year showing an increase of 1329 out-patients.

The Spleen Index Register kept in the Sudder Hospital showed that out of 2,150 children examined, 222 had enlarged spleens. The percentage of spleen cases was thus 10·28 showing a good year as regards malaria in the town. The Spleen Index Register kept in the other Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State showed that out of 5,562 children examined 1,837 had enlarged spleen. The percentage of spleen cases was thus 33·27, showing a bad year as regards malaria in the Mofussil.

The total number of in-patients treated in the various Hospitals was 1,436 against 1,616 in the previous year.

There was a considerable reduction in admissions from the Military and the Police.

The percentage of deaths amongst in-patients was 6·67 against 11·63 in the previous year.

The total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Cottage Hospital was 28 against 22 in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 185 was realised as Hospital charges against Rs. 247 in the previous year. The decrease was due to permission being granted to certain Rajguns and poor patients to be treated free in the Cottage Hospital.

204. *Surgical operations.*—The total number of surgical operations (both major and minor) performed in the various Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State was 10[illegible] against 798 in the previous year. Out of this number, 64 were major operations, of which 43 were performed in the Sudder Hospital and the remaining 16 in the other Hospitals of the State, against 37 and 11 respectively, in the previous year.

Table "P" shows the list of major operations performed in the various Hospitals of the State during the year under report.

205. *Prevalent diseases.*—Table "Q" gives a list of the most prevalent diseases treated in the State Hospitals and Dispensaries with the results obtained. Malarial fever is responsible for considerably more than half the sickness in the State.

206. *Mortality.*—Table "R" shows the particulars of mortality of the in-patients treated in the various Hospitals of the State during the year under report. Out of 1079 cases treated during the year there were 72 deaths. The percentage of deaths was 6·67 against 11·73 in the previous year.

207. *Prescriptions.*—The number of prescriptions served in the Sudder Hospital was 17,780 against 20,208 in the previous year. The total number of prescriptions served in the remaining Hospitals and Dispensaries was 5,963 against 6,464 in the previous year.

208. *Police Military Ward.*—The Police Military Hospital has been amalgamated to the Sudder Hospital.

209. *Jail Hospital.*—The general health of the Jail was good. The periodical administration of quinine and caster oil to all prisoners has proved successful in checking malaria and bowel complaint. The practice of compulsory

vaccination and re-vaccination of prisoners at the time of admission was continued. The following table furnishes the health statistics of the Jail :—

		1926-27.	1927-28.
1.	Daily average population	102·90	104·01
2.	Total admission into Hospital on account of sickness	54	41
3.	Average sick	0·14	0·77
4.	Deaths	2	1
5.	Percentage of death...	3·92	2·22

No serious epidemic broke out during the year under report.

Two hundred and eleven cases of malarial fever, 48 cases of diarrhœa, 31 cases of dysentery, 64 cases of dyspepsia, 59 cases of respiratory affections, 12 cases of debility and anœmia, 13 cases of rheumatic affections, 121 cases of all other local diseases and 50 cases of local injuries occurred during the year under report. One case of general disease ended fatally. Three lunatics were under observation during the year against two in the previous year; of these one case recovered.

210. *Post-Mortem Examination.*—The total number of Post-Mortem Examinations held in the State during the year was 14 against 15 in the previous year; of these 13 were conducted at the Sudder Morgue.

211. *Meteorological observations.*—The highest temperature recorded at the Sudder Station was 102° on the 18th, 29th, and 30th May 1927 and the lowest 50° on the 4th, 6th and 7th January 1928.

The annexed table "T" shows the total rainfall of the year under report and that of the last nine years. The rainfall for the present year was 152·01 against an average of 157·48 for the last ten years.

All rain-gauges were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report.

212. *Vital Statistics.*—The statement below gives full particulars of births and deaths in the State during the year under report :--

Years.	Births.	Birth rate.	Deaths.	Death rate.
1925-26	8,104	13·67	8,578	14·47
1926-27	8,191	13·80	8,447	14·24
1927-28	7,649	12·90	6,893	11·63

The statement below shows the birth and death rates per thousand of population in the town of Cooch Behar for the last three years :—

Years.	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1925-26	5·75	10·90
1926-27	5·32	10·67
1927-28	2·96	6·80

213. *Maternity cases.*—The Midwife attached to the Sudder Hospital attended 102 maternity cases of which 55 children were males and 47 females. Out of the total number three were twins and four were still born and three cases were difficult labour cases and had to be attended by Surgeons.

There is also a permanent midwife at the Head-quarters of each of the Sub-divisions of Dinhata, Mathabhanga, Mekligunj and Tufangunj. The cost of the former two is borne by the Town Committees of Dinhata and Mathabhanga, while that of Mekligunj and Tufangunj is met partly by the State and partly by local contributions.

214. *Nurses.*—Two female Nurses were in service at Sudder Hospital throughout the year under report. A third Nurse was under training in the Eden Hospital, Calcutta.

The post of a male Nurse was created.—A male Nurse has been enlisted for service in the Police and Military Ward with effect from the 1st April 1927. Srijut Ganesh Chandra Choudhuri, one of the compounders of the Department, was appointed to this post.

215. *Public Health Department.*—This Department was established with effect from the 1st October 1927 with one Sanitary Officer, three Sanitary Inspectors, 25 Vaccinators, three medicine carriers, and three sweepers.

The Department is under the charge of the Civil Surgeon.

216. *Cholera.*—Towards the close of the year persons returning from Baruni Mela imported Cholera to the taluks of the Dinhata and Sudder Sub-divisions which threatened to spread in epidemic form. 890 preventive inoculations were given, 527 houses and 452 wells were disinfected and a few tube-wells were sunk in the affected areas for the supply of pure drinking water. In addition patients were medicinally treated and a specific mixture was freely distributed. Out of 511 cases 332 died, raising the percentage of mortality to 64·97. The increased number of deaths was due to contaminated drinking water.

217. *Small-pox.*—In the beginning of 1928, Small-pox broke out in epidemic form in the Sudder and in the Sub-divisions of Dinhata and Mathabhanga, which gave full employment to the newly organised Health Department. Fortunately, the mortality throughout the epidemic remained moderately low, 332 persons dying out of a total of 1848 cases, the percentage of deaths being 17·20.

218. *Vaccination.*—The annexed table "S" shows the number and result of vaccination cases.

The total number of persons vaccinated was 41,619 against 55,896 in the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 88·07 against 88·39 in the previous year. The decrease in the number of vaccination operation was due to reduction in the number of Vaccinators from 50 to 25 during the year. Up till this year every person had to pay 2 annas to a vaccinator for vaccination. This practice has now been stopped and from October 1927 vaccination has been put directly under the Health Department and is properly supervised.

Proper medical supervision and water supply were arranged at all Melas during the year.

The Hospitals and Dispensaries, Sudder Jail and Sub-Jails, Police Stations and Out-posts were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report. He was away from head-quarters for 81 days on duty against 66 days in the previous year.

219. The statement below shows the receipts of the Medical Department under different heads for the last three years :—

Heads.	1925-26.			1926-27.			1927-28.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Prescription fees... ...	1,446	7	0	1,456	15	0	1,307	4	0
Sale proceeds of medicines ...	965	10	6	928	3	6	1,089	15	6
Ditto bottles, &c. ...	76	2	0	69	11	0	72	12	6
House rent of the Rajmata Cottage Hospital.	194	8	0	247	0	0	184	0	0
Subscriptions for the aided Dispensaries.	1,829	0	0	1,396	0	0	1,362	0	0
Total ...	4,511	11	6	4,097	13	6	4,016	0	0

The annexed table "U" shows the expenditure on the State Hospitals and Dispensaries. It amounted to Rs. 32,572-3-5 against Rs. 29,777-3-1 in the previous year; the increase was mainly due to the increment of pay given to the staff.

The total expenditure for the whole Department including the Public Health Department was Rs. 67,385-0-7 against Rs. 61,731-9-7 in the previous year.

IX.—VETERINARY.

220. *Charge.*—Srijut Mohanta Kumar Sen Gupta, G. B. V. C., Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, was in-charge of the Veterinary Hospital in the town of Cooch Behar throughout the year under report.

Srijut Abani Mohan Sanyal, G. B. V. C., 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer), was in-charge of the three Sub-divisions—Sudder, Dinhata and Tufangunj—with his head-quarters at Sudder.

Srijut Hem Chandra Sen Gupta, G. B. V. C., 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer), was in-charge of the Mathabhanga and Mekligunj Sub-divisions with his head-quarters at Mathabhanga.

In the Veterinary Hospital at Cooch Behar, 1,983 fresh cases were treated during the year; *In-patients*,—10 Equinies 44 bovines, and 4 other animals; *Out-patients*.—265 equines, 1,403 bovines and 257 other animals against 1899 fresh cases during the previous year--*In patients* being 12 equines, 40 bovines and the *out-patients*, 305 equines 1285 bovines and 885 other animals, showing an increase of 84 fresh cases.

5,792 old cases were also treated in the hospital during the year—*In-patients* being 127 equines, 474 bovines and 28 other animals; *Out-patients*—813 equines, 3563 bovines and 787 other animals as against 5461 old cases in the previous year—*In-patients* being 125 equines, 620 bovines and 13 other animals; *Out-patients*.—802 equines, 3261 bovines and 663 other animals showing an increase of 331 old cases.

One hundred and two cases of surgical operations were performed at the hospital as well as at owners' residencies.

221. Medicines were supplied for 197 cases to the owners from different villages and for 79 cases within the Town. In the previous year the figures were 182 cases from the Mofussil and 61 cases from the Town.

222. During the year the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon was out on tour for 141 days and visited 139 villages against 143 days and 81 villages in the previous year. He treated 11 cases of rinderpest, 26 cases of foot and mouth disease and 379 cases of non-contagious diseases, against 35 cases of rinderpest, 1049 cases of foot and mouth disease and 178 cases of non-contagious diseases in the previous year. He received 11 out-break reports *viz*: 4 of rinderpest, 3 of Hœmorrhagic Septicæmea and 4 of foot and mouth disease against 30 of rinderpest, 2 of Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia and 166 of foot and mouth disease. He attended all the outbreaks, except two of foot and mouth disease. He inoculated 286 head of cattle with anti-rinderpest serum against nil in the previous year. 32 head of cattle were inoculated against Hœmorrhagic Septicæmea with protective serum against 252 in the previous year.

223. The 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon was out on tour for 166 days and visited 115 villages against 230 days and 191 villages in the previous year. He treated 3283 old and new cases both at Head-quarters (Mathabhanga) and in the Mofussil against 5671 in the previous year.

224. 52 outbreak reports were received by him from the Police Stations; of these 5 were Hœmorrhagic Septicæmea, 11 rinderpest, 28 foot and mouth disease. Five cases of foot and mouth disease were reported by the villagers and 3 cases were detected by him during his touring.

The figures for the previous year were 177 reports, including 20 of rinderpest, 1 of Hœmorrhagic Septicæmea and 156 of foot and mouth disease.

The Veterinary Assistant inoculated 586 head of cattle with anti-rinderpest serum against 1342 inoculations in the previous year. 644 head of cattle were inoculated by him against Hœmorrhagic Septicæmea with protective serum.

There were 36 deaths from the disease against 57 during the previous year.

Out of 36 reports of foot and mouth disease—7 subsided and the rest were attended by him. He treated the patients with necessary Medicines and gave instructions to the owners.

There were 4 deaths from the disease against 29 deaths in the previous year.

225. Three cattle fairs at Dinhata, Haldibari, and Changrabanda were held in the State during the year. A large number of cattle were imported to these fairs from places outside the State specially from Behar. The Veterinary staff attended the fairs in their respective jurisdictions and took all necessary measures to prevent an epidemic amongst the cattle. There was no outbreak.

226. Propaganda work was well carried on during the tours and the utility of the department is being appreciated by the people gradually.

227. There are three stud bulls under the Town Committee of Cooch Behar and one under the Town Committee of Mathabhanga.

228. During the year under report the Veterinary Adviser to the Government of Bengal paid a visit in January 1928 to the Sudder Hospital and inspected the hospital as well as the stores and Medicines of the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon. The Veterinary Inspector, Jalpaiguri Circle, visited the Sudder hospital in May 1927, and the Mathabhanga Dispensary in November 1927.

229. The cost of the Department during the year under report was as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	4,554	0	0
Medicine	1,587	10	0
Serum	939	6	0
Contingencies	352	0	0
Total ...	7,433	0	0

against Rs. 7,679 in the previous year.

X.—STATE PRESS.

230. *Charge.*—Srijut Gopal Govinda Guha, Superintendent of the Office of the General Department and during his absence from Head-quarters, on duty, Srijut Janakiballabh Biswas, Head Assistant of the office, held immediate charge of the State Press during the year under the control of the Vice-President.

231. *Cooch Behar Gazette.*—The Gazette was as usual published regularly every fortnight on each alternate Monday. The number of persons taking the Gazette during the year under report was 269 of whom 175 were paying subscribers. A sum of Rs. 567 was received on account of subscription against Rs. 513 in the preceding year.

232. *Printing of Stamps.*—Stamps of different values were printed as usual according to the requisitions of the Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar.

233. *Printing of forms.*—1318 different forms, reports etc., were received from State Offices for printing during the year against 1273 in the preceding year.

234. *Finance.*—During the year under report the total receipts derived from subscription to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* and the sale proceeds of Law Books, packing Materials, etc. were Rs. 657 against Rs. 658 in the previous year. The total expenditure was Rs. 19,146 against Rs. 18,640 in the previous year.

235. *Machine Press.*—The exsisting old Machine Press was thoroughly overhauled and certain old parts were replaced at a cost of Rs. 300. It has now been working both by hand and Electric power removing to a great extent the inconvenience of the execution of printing works.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
W. G. HUTCHINSON,
LT.-COLONEL,
Vice-President, Regency Council,
General Department, Cooch Behar.

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C.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail for the year 1927-28.*

1		2		3				4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14				15		16				17		18		19	20	
Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		No. received from other Districts.		No. received from the Lock-ups.		Total No. in Jail.		Trfd. to Lunatic Asylum or to other Jail, or to Port Blair including those in transit.		Released.		Escaped.		Died.		Executed.		Total No. of columns 8 to 12.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Jail on the last day of the year.				Number convicted during the year out of total admitted as per columns 4, 5 and 6.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.		No. the Jail is capable of containing at 540 cubic ft. per prisoner.		No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.	No. below capacity with reference to col. 2.	
				In Jail.		In Hospital.																						In Jail.		In Hospital.				Out of number in cols. 4, 5 and 6.		Out of number in col. 3.								
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			M.	F.		M.	F.
37896	69	103·82	0·19	113	...	..	..	131	4	...	..	100	3	344	7	19	...	238	5	..	..	1	...	...	...	258	5	86	2	..	...	44	2	6	...	...	...	3·18	..	..	...	...	...	...

D.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-divisional Lock-ups for the year 1927-28.*

1	2		3		4				5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12				13		14				15	16	17	18
NAMES OF LOCK-UPS.	Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		TOTAL.		Transferred to Sudder Jail including those in transit.		Released.		Died.		Escaped.		Total of columns 7 to 10.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Lock-ups on the last day of the year.				No. convicted during the year out of total admitted as per column 5.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.	No. the lock-ups are capable of containing at 540 cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to column 3.	No. below capacity with reference to column 2.
					In Lock-up.		In Hospital.																In Lock-up.		In Hospital.				Out of No. in col. 5.		Out of No in col. 4.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Dinhata	1192	9	3·25	0·02	5	..	...	...	118	5	123	5	42	3	75	2	...	...	2	...	119	5	4	..	..	..	38	2	80	3	4	..	11·00	18	....	14·72
Mathabhanga ..	2208	1	5·05	..	17	..	...	...	142	1	159	1	38	..	106	1	..	..	..	..	144	1	15	...	..	..	26	..	116	1	2	..	17·59	....	....	....
Mekliganj ...	1358	6	3·72	0·01	6	..	..	...	57	1	63	1	8	...	50	1	..	...	1	...	59	1	4	..	..	...	6	...	51	1	2	..	22·49	18	....	14·93
Toofanganj ...	201	...	0·66	..	3	..	...	..	50	..	53	...	36	..	17	..	...	...	...	...	53	[illegible]	...	..	...	...	9	...	41	..	2	...	3·20	....	....	.....
Total ..	4959	16	12·68	0·03	31	..	..	..	367	7	398	7	124	3	248	4	..	..	3	...	375	7	23	..	...	..	79	2	288	5	10	...	.....	36	....	....

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

E.—*Statement shewing the outturn of the manufacture of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1927-28.*

1	2	3			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURES.			VALUE OF ARTICLES SOLD DURING THE YEAR.								
YEAR.	Number of working day's in the year.	In the garden.	On all other manufactures.	TOTAL.	Value of articles sold to outsiders.	Value of articles sold for Jail use for which cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied for Jail use for which no cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied to other jails, for which no cash payment was received.	Total value of articles disposed of as per cols. 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1928.	Value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1928.	Value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1928.	Total of columns 8, 9 10 and 11
					Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
1927-28	305	2160	5993	8153	9,001 1 0	2,541 8 6	.....	.....	11,542 9 6	188 2 3	4,608 8 6	829 8 6	17,169 1 9

* Made over to the Ricemill Committee.

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deduct value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1927.	Deduct value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1927.	Deduct value of plant and machinery, &c. in store on the 31st March 1927.	Deduct charges incurred for raw materials, tools &c. in 1927-1928.	Total debits, as per cols. 13, 14, 15 and 16.	Deduct amount retrenched.	Difference between cols. 17 and 18, being net debits.	Profit being the excess of total of col. 12 over total of col. 19.	Loss being the excess of total of col. 19 over total of col. 12.	Net amount earned and credited to jail for hire of prisoners employed in State works.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for value of labour of prisoners hired out to private parties.	Total of cols. 20, 22 & 23.	Cash realised and remitted to the Treasury during 1927-1928 on account of manufacture.	Total outstandings at the close of the year.
Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
637 1 0	1,839 11 6	843 4 3	11,325 9 5	14,646 0 2	....	14,646 0 2	2,523 1 7	.....	133 8 0	9 0 0	2,665 9 7	14,031 15 9	617 14 9

	Rs. A. P.
(1) Sale-proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury ...	13,889 7 9
(2) Hire of convicts	142 8 0
(3) Miscellaneous receipts	26 15 3
Total	Rs. 14,058 15 0

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—*Statement showing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1927-1928.*

1	2	3	4	5				6			7			8			9		
				JAIL SERVANTS INCLUDING CONVICT WARDERS FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.				BUILDING AND REPAIRING JAIL FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.			ON STATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE			WORKING FOR HIRE.			TOTAL OF COLS. 5, 6, 7, and 8.		
Name of Jail.	Average number sentenced to labour.	Daily average no excused labour on account of sickness and old age and awaiting medical examination and attending courts &c.	Daily average number excused labour on account of Sundays and Holidays.	Daily average number employed.	Ratio per cent. of average strength.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.
						Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Cooch Behar Jail ...	91.42	5·38	17·61	32·65	35 71	0 6 0	3,735 0 0	3.93	0 6 0	450 6 0	21·10	0 6 0	1,999 14 0	1·24	0 6 0	142 8 0	58·82	0 6 0	6,327 12 0

10															11			12		
ON JAIL GARDEN.															ON MANUFACTURE &c.			TOTAL OF 8, 10 and 11.		
Extent of ground under cultivation.	Weight of vegetables produced.	*Quantity and value of vegetables purchased from bazar for the prisoners' use.*		Average number employed, including fruit garden and for cultivation of field crops.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.		G.	H.		Average number employed.	Profits for the year.	Average profit per head of those so employed.	Total daily average number of prisoners employed.	Total profit.	Average profit.
					Value of vegetables supplied to prisoners for which payment was not made.	Value of vegetables &c. supplied to prisoners for which payment was made.	Value of vegetables sold to outsiders.	Total of columns A, B and C.	Deduct cost of tools seeds, &c.	*Actual profit.*		Total earning for the year.	Average earning per head.							
										Plus E profit.	Minus E loss.									
Bighas	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
12	296 12 5	41 31 0	46 0 9	7·08	.....	369 5 3	*434 2 3	803 7 6	334 5 0	469 2 6	.....	469 2 6	57 14 9		19·64	1,053 12 5	107 9 4	27·96	1,665 6 11	95 5 3

* Including date juice.

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

G.—*Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1927-1928.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR							AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF				
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including lunatics at Berhampur & life convicts at Port Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited *vide*, column 12, Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
20 8 0	7,569 8 5	7,294 10 6	5,300 1 0	20,184 11 11	1,665 6 11	18,519 5 0	0 3 2	72 12 5	70 2 1	50 15 3	194 0 9

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—*Statement shewing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1927-1928.*

1	2	3	4	5				6			7			8			9		
				JAIL SERVANTS INCLUDING CONVICT WARDERS FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.				BUILDING AND REPAIRING JAIL FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.			ON STATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE			WORKING FOR HIRE.			TOTAL OF COLS. 5, 6, 7, and 8.		
Name of Jail.	Average number sentenced to labour.	Daily average no excused labour on account of sickness and old age and awaiting medical examination and attending courts &c.	Daily average number excused labour on account of Sundays and Holidays.	Daily average number employed.	Ratio per cent. of average strength.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.
						Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Cooch Behar Jail ..	91.42	5·38	17·61	32·65	35 71	0 6 0	3,735 0 0	3.93	0 6 0	450 6 0	21·10	0 6 0	1,999 14 0	1·24	0 6 0	142 8 0	58·82	0 6 0	6,327 12 0

10															11			12		
ON JAIL GARDEN.															ON MANUFACTURE &c.			TOTAL OF 8, 10 and 11.		
Extent of ground under cultivation.	Weight of vegetables produced.	Quantity and value of vegetables purchased from bazar for the prisoners' use.		Average number employed. Including fruit garden and for cultivation of field crops.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.		G.	H.		Average number employed.	Profits for the year.	Average profit per head of those so employed.	Total daily average number of prisoners employed.	Total profit.	Average profit.
					Value of vegetables supplied to prisoners for which payment was not made	Value of vegetables &c. supplied to prisoners for which payment was made.	Value of vegetables sold to outsiders.	Total of columns A. B and C.	Deduct cost of tools seeds, &c.	Actual profit. Minus Expenditure.	Actual profit. Minus Loss.	Total earning for the year.	Average earning per head.							
Bighas	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
12	[illegible] 13 5	41 31 0	46 0 9	7·08	.....	369 5 3	*434 2 3	803 7 6	334 5 0	469 2 6	.....	469 2 6	57 14 9		19·64	1,053 12 5	107 9 4	27·96	1,665 6 11	95 5 3

* Including date juice.

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

G.—*Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1927-1928.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR							AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF				
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including lunatics at Berhampur & life convicts at Port Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited *vide*, column 12, Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
20 8 0	7,569 8 5	7,294 10 6	5,300 1 0	20,184 11 11	1,665 6 11	18,519 5 0	0 3 2	72 12 5	70 2 1	50 15 3	194 0 9

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

H.—*Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1927-28.*

1		2	3
Jail offences.		Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Relating to work	25	Loss of rimission	18
Having forbidden articles in possession...	25	Corporal punishment ...	.....
Assault &c.	1	Degradation from Warder's post	6
Other breaches of Jail rules ...	43	Putting on Link fethers ...	11
Offences relating to escape		Wearing gunny suits ...	6
		Putting in solitary cells ...	5
		Judiciay punished ...	.....
		Warned	40
		Standing Hand-cuff	1
		Cross Bar fetters	.....
		Bar fetters	.....
		Night Hand-cuff	5
		Penal diet	.....
Total ...	94	Total ...	94

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1927-1928.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		Or account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	
4	12·71	3,757 2 10	1,558 8 0	5,315 10 10	13 12 0	19 8 6	33 4 6	5,282 6 4	295 9 8	122 9 11	415 9 8	

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer in charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

J. *General Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar State, for the year 1927-1928.*

Item No.	HEADS OF SERVICE.		Expenditure for 1926-27.		Expenditure for 1927-28.	
			Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Public Works		3,19,327		5,19,899	
2	Palace		2,96,142		70,016	
3	Communication		1,52,305	7,67,774	1,24,127	7,14,042
	Unexpended balances remitted to the Treasury.					
		Rs.				
	1 Public Works	12,887				
	2 Palace ...	23,446				
	3 Communication	1,324	87,657	87,657	74,886	74,886
	Grand Total ...		.....	8,05,431	.....	7,88,928
	RECEIPTS.					
		Rs.				
	(a) Public Works—Miscellaneous receipts including Forest.	9,742				
	(b) Communication Improvement Receipts.	60	9,802	9,802	9,951	9,951

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

Detailed abstract of expenditure for the year 1927-28.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	*Expenditure for* 1926-27. Amount.	*Expenditure for* 1926-27. Total.	*Expenditure for* 1927-28. Amount.	*Expenditure for* 1927-28. Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	ORIGINAL WORKS.				
1	Jail	3,080		1,187	
2	Police	6,726		47,647	
3	Educational	24,778		6,787	
4	Medical	453		47,755	
5	Revenue	5,177		766	
6	Judicial...	210		.....	
7	Registration	4,198		.....	
8	Ecclesiastial	6,227		5,315	
9	Dak Bungalows	8,527		1,892	
10	Military	.....		.....	
11	Residential	21,802		52,220	
12	Electrical	18,416		49,719	
13	Miscellaneous	9,826		91,246	
14	Miscellaneous Public Improvement	.....		94,500	
15	Forest	1,307		1,317	
	Total Original Works ...		1,10,527		4,00,301
	REPAIRS.				
16	Jail	1,400		1,048	
17	Police	110		2,908	
18	Educational	6,412		5,265	
19	Medical	2,386		2,327	
20	Revenue	1,860		1,383	
21	Ecclesiastical	3,193		4,420	
22	Dâk Bunglows	1,594		1,021	
23	Residential	12,788		19,268	
24	Miscellaneous	8,703		12,586	
25	Military	1,249		1,046	
26	Miscellaneous Public Improvement	1,19,299		7,424	
	Total Repairs ...		1,49,994		58,691
27	Total Tools and Plants ...	17,659	17,659	5,742	5,742
27a	Profit and Loss	117	117	.....	.....
	ESTABLISHMENT.				
28	Public Works	38,261		44,952	
29	Dâk-Bungalows	1,732		2,130	
30	Lansdowne Hall	1,130		900	
	Total Establishment ...		41,123		47,982
	Add—Debits to Suspense heads ...	-93	-93	7,168	7,168
	Carried over total Public Works...		3,19,327		5,19,899

Detailed abstract of Expenditure for the year **1927-28.**

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	*Expenditure for* 1926-27. Amount.	*Expenditure for* 1926-27. Total.	*Expenditure for* 1927-28. Amount.	*Expenditure for* 1927-28. Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Total P.W.D....		3,19,327		5,19,899
	PALACE.				
	Cooch Behar.				
31	Original Works	1,41,366		6,663	
32	Repairs...	25,542		33,888	
33	Miscellaneous	.....		5,000	
34	Establishment	710		643	
	Total—Palace, Cooch Behar ...		1,67,618		46,194
	PALACE.				
	Woodlands.				
35	Original Works	67,475		.....	
36	Repairs	18,190		8,065	
37	Miscellaneous	19,278		14,948	
38	Establishment	2,229		809	
	Total Woodlands ...		1,07,172		23,822
	PALACE.				
	Darjeeling.				
39	Original Works	18,922		.....	
40	Furniture	2,430		.....	
	Total Darjeeling ...		21,352		.....
	Total Palace ...		2,96,142		70,016
	Communication.				
41	Original Works	53,879		41,503	
42	Repairs	96,867		80,018	
43	Drainage	80		.....	
44	Contingencies	181		237	
45	Inspection Bungalow Establishment.	1,298		1,320	
	Town Road Establishment ...	.....		1,049	
	Total Communication ...		1,52,305		1,24,127
	Grand Total ...		7,67,774		7,14,042

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-28.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
	ORIGINAL WORKS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Jail.					
1	Providing double gate in the Sudder Jail.	88	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	4' Dr. pucca-well in the Lock-up compound at Dinhata.	375	67	.....	.....	67
3	Construction of a ward in the Lock-up at Mekliganj.	2,617	-787	.....	.....	-787
4	Construction of a Sub-Jail at Tufanganj.	.....	1,907	.....	.....	1,907
	Total Jail ...	3,080	1,187	.....	.....	1,187
	Police.					
5	Converting the existing Lock-up of the Sudder Police Station into a Malkhana and providing a separate double seated Lock-up in the same room	120	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Providing windows with iron gratings for the central room which is now used as the Constables' Barracks.	233	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Certain additions and alteration to the Reserve Police Lines at Cooch Behar.	1,068	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Re-construction of the Cook-sheds and a four seated Pucca Latrine in the Police Lines at Sudder.	3,701	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Completion of unfinished sheds for Fire Brigade and the Crew (Contribution to the Superintendent of Police.)	1,604	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Police Barracks at Cooch Behar ...	.....	47,647	.....	.....	47,647
	Total Police ...	6,726	47,647	.....	.....	47,647
	Educational.					
1	Pucca plinth and floor of the servants' sheds attached to the Boarding House at Dinhata.	244	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Conversion of the thatched roof of the College extension into C. I. roof and providing pucca partition walls.	20,125	6,737	.....	.....	6,737
3	Completion of the C. I. roofed house of the Jenkins' School by providing Pucca partitions, asbestos ceiling &c. &c.	4,409	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Educational ...	24,778	6,737	.....	.....	6,737
	Medical.					
4	Providing pucca floor to the sleeping house and a country well to the Compounders' quarters at Haldibari.	453	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Construction of a Dispensary at Bamanhat.	.....	3,474	.....	.....	3,474
6	Projabatsal Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Chikitsalaya.	.....	44,000	.....	.....	44,000
7	Temporary Kitchen for the Police and Military patients.	.....	281	.....	.....	281
	Total Medical ...	453	47,755	.....	.....	47,755
	Carried over Original Works ...	35,037	1,03,326	.....	.....	1,03,326

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28. (Contd

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-28.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.			Rs.
	Brought forward Original works ...	35,037	1,09,326	.....	.....	1,09,32
	Revenue.					
18	Extension of the Treasury building at Cooch Behar with certain other necessary improvements.	1,913	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Construction of a urinal attached to the Sub-divisional Office at Tufanganj.	62	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Providing pucca floor and partition wall for the Civil Godown and barracks at Tufanganj.	195	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Construction of a Pucca latrine in the Mekliganj Kutchery Compound.	255	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Pucca plinth floor and wall of Nezarat Godown attached to the Sub-divisional Office at Dinhata.	645	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Construction of a Guard house and Kitchen close to the strong room of the Treasury building at Sudder for the Police Treasury Guard.	2,107	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Alterations and improvement of the Treasury Building.	.....	766	.....	.....	76
	Total Revenue ...	5,177	766	.....	.....	76
	Judicial.					
25	Construction of a Masonry Ejlash for the Assistant Civil Judge.	210	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Judicial ...	210	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Registration.					
26	Construction of a Record room for the Registration Department.	4,089	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Construction of a Masonry Ejlash for the Sudder Sub-Registrar.	109	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Registration ...	4,198	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Ecclesiastical.					
28	Pucca Stair Case in the Madan Mohan temple.	420	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Extension and improvement to the European Cemetery.	8,498	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Pavilion over the Pucca Ghat in front of Madan Mohan Thakurbari.	766	916	.....	.....	91
31	Extension of the Nahabatkhana in the Madan Mohan Thakurbari.	1,189	1,396	.....	.....	1,39
32	Sinking 3' dr. Pucca well at Torsapir Dham.	354	98	.....	.....	9
33	Pucca Ghat in front of Madan Mohan Thakurbari.	.....	2,905	.....	.....	2,90
	Total Ecclesiastical ...	6,227	5,315	.....	.....	5,31
	Carried over Original Works...	50,849	1,09,407	.....	.....	1,09,40

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1927-1928. (Contd.)

Serial No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-28.			
		Amount.	Original	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	50,849	1,09,407	.....	.....	1,09,407
	Dak-Bungalow.					
34	Pucca well in the Rest House at Mathabhanga.	1:6	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	2' Dr Pucca well at the Balarampur Inspection Bungalow.	172	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	Pucca latrine in the Rest House Compound at Mathabhanga.	292	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	Pucca floor of the Mathabhanga Inspection Bungalow.	230	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Improving the Dak-Bungalow at Cooch Behar.	2,755	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	Re-construction of the Mekligunj Dak-Bungalow.	4,469	1,892	.....	.....	1,892
40	Pucca latrine in the Rest House Compound at Tufangunj.	283	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Dâk-Bungalow. ..	8,327	1,892	.....	.....	1,892
	Residential.					
1	Providing wire nets to eaves of the sleeping shed and Baithakkhana of the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Tufangunj.	131	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Construction of a sitting room at the Northern quarters at Babu J. L. Sen's house.	960	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Outside surki-pointing of Maharaj Kumar Victor N. Narayan's house.	603	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Improvement of the house of Principal, Victoria College.	1,267	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Certain additions and alteration to Her Highness the Dowager Maharani's house.	6,406	1,933	.....	.....	1,933
6	Two seated Latrine in the compound of the Vice-President's house.	391	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Certain improvements to the old Post Office building at Cooch Behar.	1,415	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Construction of Kitchen, Pantry and store-room for the Vice-President's House.	5,631	7,162	.....	.....	7,162
9	Servants' quarters and covered passage for the Vice-President's House.	3,942	10,152	.....	.....	10,152
10	Motor garage with washing place for the Vice-President's House.	278	111	.....	.....	111
11	Pucca Latrine for the house occupied by the State Engineer.	.....	305	.....	.....	305
12	Iron gratings to the windows of the first floor of the State Engineer.	142	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Pucca culvert at the Gate of the Revenue Officer's compound.	.....	202	.....	.....	202
14	Providing a Lightning Conductor to the Dowager Maharani's house occupied by the Revenue Officer.	633	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Re-construction of the Kitchen of the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Tufangunj.	.....	1,194	.....	.....	1,194
	Carried over Total Residential ...	21,802	21,059	.....	.....	21,059
	Carried over Original Works ...	59,176	1,11,299	.....	.....	1,11,299

Detailed Annual Statement of Expendiure of the P.W.D for the year 1927-28.—(Continued.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-1927.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Annual.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	59,176	1,11,299	.....	.....	1,11,299
	Ditto Residential ...	21,802	21,050	.....	.....	21,059
	Resedentail (Contd.)					
56	Certain additions and alterations to the Vice-President's House.	.....	7,158	.....	.....	7,158
57	Additions and alteration to the Audit Officer's House.	.....	8,223	.....	.....	8,22[illegible]
58	Conversion of the old kitchen at Vice-President's House into a Guard room	.....	1,670	.....	.....	1,67[illegible]
59	Box room for the Vice-President's House.	.....	2,164	.....	.....	2,16[illegible]
60	Dhobikhana at the Vice-President's House.	.....	1,526	.....	.....	1,52[illegible]
61	Acquisition of land for some State Houses.	.....	8,228	.....	.....	8,22[illegible]
62	Certain works done in 1915-16 in Maharaj Kumar Victor N. Narayan's House.	.....	2,192	.....	.....	2,19[illegible]
	Total Residential ...	21,802	52,220	.....	.....	52,22[illegible]
	Electrical.					
63	Construction of a new Power house for the Electrical Department.	5,588	33,437	.....	.....	33,48[illegible]
64	Electrical Godown, workshop and Office, etc.	12,833	14,850	.....	.....	14,85[illegible]
65	Tractor shed, covered passage and certain other additional works.	.....	1,432	.....	.....	1,43[illegible]
	Total Electrical ...	18,416	49,719	.....	.....	49,71[illegible]
	Miscellaneous.					
66	Providing windows to the Audit Office.	180	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Furniture for the Revenue Officer...	990	.....	.....	.....	.....
67	Furniture for the Vice-President ...	5,157	3,521	.....	.....	3,52[illegible]
68	Construction of a Godown for the	1,976	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Tools and Plant of Public Works Department.					
70	Out-side Surkee pointing to the Lansdowne Hall	653	.....	.....	.....	.....
71	Pucca Latrine for the Artizan School.	.....	171	.....	.....	17[illegible]
73	Purchase of New Engine Hullers etc. for the Rice Mill.	.....	23,507	.....	.....	23,5[illegible]
	Mahuts' quarters with Kitchen.	.....	12,637	.....	.....	12,6[illegible]
74	Furniture Godown for the Shooting	.....	29,528	.....	.....	29,5[illegible]
75	Camp,					
76	Providing thatched Bungalow and kitchen at the Shooting Camp at Takuamari.	589	.....	.....	.....	.....
77	Planting Kashia grass on the bank of Torsa river.	281	.....	.....	.....	.....
78	Providing pucca floor to the Verandah attached to the Railway Police Thana at Cooch Behar.	.....	.....	178	.....	1[illegible]
	Carried over Total Miscellaneous.	9,826	69,359	178	.....	69,5[illegible]
	Carried over Original Works ...	99,894	2,13,238	.....	.....	2,13,2[illegible]

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-1928.

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-28.			
		Amount.	Original.	Putty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	99,394	2,13,238	.....	.....	2,13,238
	Ditto Miscellaneous ...	9,826	69,859	178	.....	6,9537
9	Fitting and fixing Iron rods in the windows of the Naib Ahilkar's Sleeping room at Tufungunj.	.....	.....	88	.....	88
10	Pacca Culvert in front of Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Tufangunj.	.....	.....	47	.....	47
11	Shed for Housing Engine Boiler and Hullers for the Rice Mill.	.....	15,146	.....	.....	15,146
12	Steeping tank for the Rice Mill ...	.....	1,145	.....	.....	1,145
13	Extension of drying platform for the Rice Mill.	.....	3,674	.....	.....	3,674
14	Additions, alterations and improvements to the Council Office.	.....	1,659	.....	.....	1,659
	Total Miscellaneous ...	9,826	90,983	263	.....	91,246
	Miscellaneous Public Improvements.					
15	Water works at Cooch Behar ...	.....	84,312	.....	.....	84,312
16	Drainage Scheme for the town of Cooch Behar.	.....	10,188	.....	.....	10,188
	Total Miscs. Public Improvements.	.....	94,500	.....	.....	94,500
	Forest.					
17	Forest in General	605	584	.....	.....	584
18	Planting and protecting trees ...	702	733	.....	.....	733
	Total Forest ...	1,307	1,317	.....	.....	1,317
	Total Original Works ...	1,10,527	4,00,038	263	.....	4,00,301
	REPAIRS.					
	Jail.					
19	Sudder Jail	662	574	.....	.....	574
20	Sub-divisional Lock- ps ...	738	474	.....	.....	474
	Total Jail ...	1,400	1,048	.....	.....	1,048
	Police.					
1	Sudder Police Station ...	110	153	.....	.....	153
2	Police buildings hitherto maintained by the Police Department.	.....	2,755	.....	.....	2,755
	Total Police ...	110	2,908	.....	.....	2,908
	Carried over Repairs ...	1,510	3,956	.....	.....	3,956
	Ditto Original Works ...	1,10,527	4,00,038	263	.....	4,00,301

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	1,10,527	4,00,038	263	.....	4,00,301
	Ditto Repairs ...	1,510	3,956	.....	.....	3,956
	Educational.					
93	Boarding Institution with outhouses and Assistant Tutor's quarters.	1,120	965	.....	.....	965
94	Mahomedan Boarding ...	128	142	.....	.....	142
95	Sudder Model School ...	144	180	.....	.....	180
96	School buildings (H. E.) with respective boardings in the Sub-divisions.	2,268	1,841	.....	.....	1,841
97	Victoria College and Jenkins School	1,765	916	.....	.....	916
98	Raj Rajendra Narayan Boarding Institution.	196	.....	.....	.....	.....
99	Sunity Academy	791	391	.....	.....	391
100	Making Sudder Model School for the use of Sunity Academy	.....	.....	.....	830	830
	Total Educational ...	6,412	4,435	.....	830	5,265
	Medical.					
101	Dispensary, Sudder	424	428	.....	.....	428
102	Dispensaries in Mofussil ...	1,497	1,020	.....	.....	1,020
103	State Kaviraj's quarters	242	702	.....	.....	702
104	Veterinary Hospital	223	177	.....	.....	177
	Total Medical ...	2,386	2,327	.....	.....	2,327
	Revenue.					
105	Chain railing and gates at Haldibari.	78	88	.....	.....	88
106	Revenue Office and Treasury ...	319	125	.....	.....	125
107	Sub-divisional buildings ...	1,353	1,080	.....	.....	1,080
108	Tehsil office with outhouses at Haldibari ...	80	90	.....	.....	90
	Total Revenue ...	1,860	1,383	.....	.....	1,383
	Ecclesiastical.					
109	Anandamoyee Dharmosala ...	189	204	.....	.....	204
110	Brahmo Samaj Building. ...	322	264	.....	.....	264
111	Brahmo Missionary quarters ...	74	323	.....	.....	323
112	Cemetary	14	28	.....	.....	28
113	Thorough repair to the inside of the Modon mohon temple. ...	.....	.....	.....	822	822
114	Samadhi in the Keshab Asram ...	143	224	.....	.....	224
115	Temples in town ...	1,690	1,107	.....	.....	1,107
116	Temples in Mofussil ...	1,361	1,448	.....	.....	1,448
	Total Ecclesiastical ...	3,193	3,598	.....	822	4,420
	Dak-Bungalows.					
117	Dak-Bunglow, Sudder ...	346	218	.....	.....	218
118	Dak-Bunglows in Mofussil ...	1,248	803	.....	.....	803
	Total Dak-Bungalows ...	1,594	1,021	.....	.....	1,021
	Carried over Repairs ...	16,955	16,720	.....	1,652	18,372
	Ditto Original Works ...	1,10,527	4,00,038	263	.....	4,00,301

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.—(Continue

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	1,10,527	4,00,038	268	.....	4,00,30
	Ditto Repairs ...	29,748	31,963	.....	5,672	37,63
	Ditto Miscellaneous ...	3,284	4,296	.....	.....	4,29
147	Malkutchery and Duar office ...	256	132	.....	.....	13
148	Office of the General Department	379	190	.....	.....	19
149	Pilkhana with out-houses ...	1,091	621	.....	.....	62
150	P. W. D. Godown	190	645	.....	.....	64
151	P. W. D. Overseer's office ...	37	94	.....	.....	9
152	Public Works Office with outhouses	402	875	18	.....	89
153	Repairs to furniture of the Vice-President's house and Dowager Maharani's House.	2,269	2,731	.....	.....	2,73
154	Mahut's Sheds in the Sub-divisions	112	100	.....	.....	10
155	Tan Godown at Nilkuty ...	8	14	.....	.....	1
156	Tent Godown at Nilkuty ...	279	127	.....	.....	12
157	Post Office building new ...	284	329	.....	.....	32
158	Repairs to Railway Police quarters and Thana.	104	.....	240	.....	24
159	" Tin Bungalow occupied by Sahitya Sava	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
160	" Old Post office building.	.....	.....	315	.....	31
161	" Audit Officer's House ...	.....	.....	176	.....	17
162	" Sub-overseer's office and Godown at Sagardighi.	.....	.....	38	.....	3
163	" Settlement office converted into Sudder Model School.	.....	.....	175	.....	17
164	" Compound chequar of the State Rice Mill.	.....	.....	150	.....	15
165	Storm damage repairs to State Buildings.	.....	1,320	.....	.....	1,32
	Total Miscellaneous ..	8,703	11,474	1,112	.....	12,58
	Military.					
166	Barracks, Stables and Magazine ...	1,249	1,046	.....	.....	1,04
	Total Military ...	1,249	1,046	.....	.....	1,04
	Miscellaneous Public Improvement.					
167	Tanks and wells in Mofussil ...	699	641	.....	.....	64
168	Up-keep of Polo and cricket ground at Nilkuty.	158	.....	.....	.....	.....
169	Protection of the Race Course, Polo ground and cemetery.	558	.....	.....	.....	.....
170	Maintenance of gardens attached to the state houses.	.....	5,512	.....	.....	5,51
171	Maintenance of the Anti-cholera wells and Tube wells.	1,800	294	.....	.....	29
172	Water works at CoochBehar. ...	1,07,084	.....	.....	.....	.....
172a	Rural water supply	.....	977	.....	.....	97
	Total Misc. Public Improvement ...	1,10,299	7,424	.....	.....	7,42
	Tools and Plant.					
173	Purchase and manufacture of tools	15,902	4,344	.....	.....	[illegible]
174	Repairing tools including Steam Roller.	1,757	1,398	.....	.....	1,3[illegible]
	Total Tools and Plant ...	17,659	5,742	.....	.....	5,74
	Carried over Total Repairs ...	1,49,994	51,907	1,112	5,672	[illegible]
	Ditto Original Works ...	1,10,527	4,00,038	268	.....	4,00,3[illegible]

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.—(Continued).

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Total Palace, Cooch Behar.	1,67,618	46,002	192	.....	46,194
	Brought forward Total Original Works, Woodlands.	67,475	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Repairs					
211	Remetalling compound Roads ...	1,982	.....	.....	.....	.....
212	Repairs to Houses and up-keep of Roads, etc.	16,208	7,902	163	.....	8,065
	Total Repairs ...	18,190	7,902	163	.....	8,065
	Miscellaneous.					
213	Taxes	13,383	14,948	.....	.....	14,948
214	Furniture	5,895	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Miscellaneous ...	19,278	14,948	.....	.....	14,948
	Establishments.					
215	Pay of Overseer	880	372	.....	.....	372
216	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	1,297	374	.....	.....	374
217	Travelling allowance of Overseer ...	52	63	.....	.....	63
	Total Establishment ...	2,229	809	.....	.....	809
	Total Palace, Woodlands ...	1,07,172	23,659	163	.....	23,822
	PALACE DARJEELING.					
	Original Works.					
218	Additions and alterations to the main building, refitting Electric Light in the altered portion and repairs to compound path and Tenis Court at Colinton.	18,922	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	18,922	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Furniture.					
219	Purchase of Furniture for Colinton ...	2,430	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Furniture ...	2,430	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Palace, Darjeeling ...	21,352	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Total Palace ...	2,96,142	69,661	355	.....	70,016

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.—(Continue

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-1927.	Expenditure for 1927 1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
	COMMUNICATION.					
	Original Works.					
220	Protection of the Iron Bridge on the Gidhari River in the 13th mile of Dinhata-Mekligunj Road.	871	692	.....	.....	692
221	Iron Bridge on the 8th mile of cross road from Patgram to Bhutan	1,891	.....	.....	.....	.....
222	Renewing B. P. rough flooring of the 22nd mile culvert in the Lowkuty Road.	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
223	Bridges and Culverts ...	16,932	2,426	.....	.....	2,426
224	Re-construction and extension of the Bhetaguri Iron bridge on the Rungpur Road.	3,832	.....	.....	.....	.....
225	Iron Bridge on the 5th mile of Emigration Road west.	458	168	.....	.....	168
226	Iron Bridge on the 11th mile of cross road fron Patgram to Bhutan.	5,636	52	.....	.....	52
227	Timber bridge on the 10th mile of Emigration Road west.	1,972	1,859	.....	.....	1,859
228	Protection of the Lowkuty Road and neighbouring areas from the overflow Current of the Takuamari River.	6,249	.....	.....	.....	.....
229	Temporary Bridges for the Shooting Camp.	10,224	.....	.....	.....	.....
230	160′ feet Iron Bridge on the Tanatani River in the 11th Mile of Emigration west.	5,714	—5,714	.....	.....	—5,714
231	Reconstruction of two Iron Bridges on the 13th and 14th Miles of Emigration Road west.	.....	1,905	.....	.....	1,905
232	20′ feet Span Iron Bridge on the 8th Mile of Katamari-Manabari Road.	.....	2,684	.....	.....	2,684
233	120′ feet Iron Bridge on the 40th Mile of Emigration Road west.	.....	7,167	.....	.....	7,167
234	Providing Berm Road to the Emigration Road west.	.....	18,834	.....	.....	18,834
235	Metalling Town Roads ...	.....	3,997	.....	.....	3,997
236	Providing pucca Culverts on Town Roads.	.....	109	.....	.....	109
236	Straightening and widening a portionof Gerdon Road.	.....	1,331	.....	.....	1,331
237	Metalling a portion of the Kalighat Road.	.....	977	.....	.....	977
238	Protection of Sutanga Bridge ...	.....	2,409	.....	.....	2,409
239	Providing Berm road to Lowkuty Road up to Kaljani.	.....	2,607	.....	.....	2,607
	Total Original Works ...	53,879	41,503	.....	.....	41,503
	Repairs.					
241	Buxa Road	990	46	.....	.....	46
242	Balarampur Feeder Road ...	2,073	453	.....	.....	453
243	Cross Road from Mathabhauga to Sitalkhuchi	1,179	308	.....	.....	308
	Carried over Repairs ...	4,242	807	.....	.....	807
	Ditto Original Works ...	53,879	41,503	.....	.....	41,503

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-2'.—(Continued)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-1927.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
	Brought forward Original Worsk...	1,10,527	4,00,038	263	.....	4,00,301
	Ditto Repairs ...	1,49,994	51,907	1,112	5,672	5,8691
	Ditto Tools and Plant ...	17,659	5,742	.....	.....	5,742
	Profit and Loss.					
75	Profit and Loss	117	.....	....	.....	.....
	Total profit and Loss ...	117	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Establishment P. W. Department.					
176	Engineers	16,851	9,600	.....	.....	9,600
177	Assistant Engineers	.....	8,400	.....	.....	8,400
178	Upper subordinates	2,311	1,721	.....	.....	1,721
179	Lower subordinates	3,2'5	3,364	.....	.....	3,364
180	Petty	414	1,098	.....	.....	1,098
181	Office	8,203	10,490	.....	.....	10,490
182	Office temporary	.....	667	.....	.....	667
183	Travelling allowance	3,747	4,434	.....	.....	4,434
184	Inspection charges	337	1,606	.....	.....	1,606
185	Contingencies	3,178	3,572	.....	.....	3,572
	Total Establishment P. W. D. ...	38,261	44,952	.....	.....	44,952
	Dâk-Bungalow Establishment.					
186	Salaries	1,163	1,152	.....	.....	1,152
187	Contengencies	569	978	.....	.....	978
	Total Dak-Bunglow Estbt. ...	1,732	2,130	.....	.....	2,130
	Lansdowne Hall.					
188	Lansdowne Hall Establishment ...	1,130	900	.....	.....	900
	Total Lansdowne Hall Estbt. ...	1,130	900	.....	.....	900
	Total Establishment ...	41,123	47,982	.....	.....	47,982
	Total Public Works ...	3,19,120	5,05,669	1,375	5,672	5,12,716
	Add debits to Suspense Heads.					
189	Stock purchase	3,928	6,838	.....	.....	6,838
190	Stock sale	5,241	6,190	.....	.....	6,190
191	Stock	11,521	18,658	.....	.....	18,658
192	Miscellaneous advance ...	922	142	.....	.....	142
	Total debits ...	21,612	31,828	.....	.....	31,828
	Deduct credit to Suspense heads.					
193	Stock purchase	3,928	6,838	.....	.....	6,838
194	Stock sale	5,6 7	5,282	.....	.....	5,282
195	Stock	11,521	11,908	.....	.....	11,908
196	Miscellaneous advance ...	629	617	.....	.....	617
	Total credits ...	21,705	24,645	.....	.....	24,645
	Net debits to Suspense heads ...	−93	7,183	.....	.....	7,183
	Total Public Works ...	3,19,327	5,12,852	1375	5,672	5,19,899

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.—(Continued).

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-27.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
	PALACE.					
	PALACE—COOCH BEHAR.					
	Original Works.					
197	Construction of new Turrets and and certain additions and alterations to the Palace.	1,29,720	6,663	.....	.....	6,663
198	Purchase of carpets for the Palace.	11,646	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	1,41,366	6,663	.....	.....	6,663
	Repairs.					
199	Improvement of Palace ground ...	3,009	1,587	192	.....	1,779
200	Out-houses of Palace, Pucca and Kutcha.	1,684	2,278	.....	.....	2,278
201	Palace Repairs	12,688	7,751	.....	.....	7,751
202	Repairs to Rajandar including Rajmata's house.	2,444	1,975	.....	.....	1,075
203	Repairs to Dynamo house with out-houses.	492	198	.....	.....	198
204	Stable and Coach House ..	736	896	.....	.....	896
205	Out-side Surkee pointing to the walls.	1,766	.....	.....	.....	.....
206	Furniture	2,723	19,011	.....	.....	19,011
	Total Repairs ...	25,542	33,696	192	.....	33,888
	Establishment.					
207	Pay of Sub-Overseer ...	710	643	.....	.....	643
	Total Establishment ...	710	643	.....	.....	643
	Miscellaneous.					
208	Professional fees of the plan of H. H. The Maharaja Bhup Bahadur's House at Ootacamund.	.....	5,000	.....	.....	5,000
	Total Miscellaneous ..	.....	5,000	.....	.....	5,000
	Total Palace, Cooch Behar ...	1,67,618	46,002	122	.....	46,194
	PALACE WOODLANDS.					
	Original works.					
209	Additions and alterations to the main building at Woodlands with improved sanitary arrangements to the house itself.	55,509	.....	.....	.....	.....
210	Sixteen connected privies at Woodlands.	11,966	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Carried over Total Original Works Woodlands.	67,475	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Ditto Total Palace, Cooch Behar.	1,67,618	46,002	192	.....	46,194

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.—(Continued)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1926-1927.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	53,879	41,503	.....	.....	41,503
	Ditto Repairs ...	4,242	807	.....	.....	807
44	Cross road from Dinhata to Mekliganj.	1,450	489	15	.....	504
45	Cross road from Patgram to Bhutan.	1,605	291	.....	.....	291
46	Changrabanda feeder Road ...	1,209	386	.....	.....	386
47	Chowdhurirhât feeder Road ...	1,080	143	.....	.....	143
48	Clearing Road side jungles ...	1,985	507	.....	.....	507
49	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewangunj feeder Road.	21,994	7,137	.....	11,960	19,097
50	Emigration Road East of Cooch Behar.	1,061	18	.....	.....	18
51	Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Balarampur.	992	6	.....	.....	6
52	Feeder road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa.	2,425	.....	.....	.....	.....
53	Feeder road from Cooch Behar to Shitalkuchi including the track from Sibpur-Bourah.	381	674	.....	.....	674
54	Falacutta Road	71	.....	.....	.....	.....
55	Flood damage Repairs to Roads and Bridges for 1926-27.	5,826	1,339	.....	.....	1,339
56	Flood damage Repairs to Roads and Bridges for 1927-28.	.....	1,055	.....	.....	1,055
57	Inspection Bungalows ...	1,628	1,203	.....	.....	1,203
58	Gadadhar Road—Feeder road from Baneswar to Natabari.	34	3	45	.....	48
59	Janaki Tewari Road ...	1,016	176	.....	.....	176
60	Kashiabari feeder Road ...	271	100	.....	.....	100
61	Kakina Road with branches ...	3,540	187	116	.....	303
62	Katamari to Manabari Road ...	4,013	1,091	.....	9,485	10,576
63	Kristapur Road	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
64	Lowkuty Road	5,020	413	.....	32	445
65	Manikgunj feeder Road ...	99	.....	.....	.....	.....
66	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs.	8,241	6,261	.....	.....	6,261
67	Purbabhag road	154	108	.....	.....	108
68	Ratherdanga Road	315	54	.....	.....	54
69	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuty ...	1,312	1,622	.....	.....	1,622
70	Roads and Bridges in the Suburbs	410	119	.....	.....	119
	Road from Baneswar to Sukhandighi *via* Pundibari.	216	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	175	.....	.....	.....	.....
	" " Changrabanda to Jamaldah.	494	212	.....	.....	212
	Road from Chilakhana to Bhatibari	497	105	.....	.....	105
	" " Cooch Behar to Garodhat	6,598	458	.....	4,863	5,321
	" " Dinhata to Baxirhat	153	85	.....	.....	85
	" " Fulbari to Chilkiguri	2,981	51	191	.....	242
	" " Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	203	50	.....	.....	50
	" " Latkabari to Chowdhurirhat.	356	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Carried over Repairs ...	82,177	25,150	367	26,340	51,857
	Ditto Original Works ...	53,879	41,503	.....	.....	41,503

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.—(Conclu

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS	Expenditure for 1926-1927.	Expenditure for 1927-1928.			
		Amount.	Original.	Petty.	Special	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works...	53,879	41,503	.....	.....	41,5
	Ditto Repairs ...	82,177	25,150	367	26,340	51,8
280	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga.	474	308	.....	.....	3
281	" " Mathabhanga to Falncutta.	400	97	.....	.....	
282	" " Shahebgunj to Bamanhat.	147	68	122	.....	1
283	Rungpur Road	1,139	159	.....	.....	1
284	Salbari Road ...	431	48	.....	.....	4
285	Surfacing and shaping Emigration Road west.	.....	3,023	.....	.....	3,02
286	Raising, shaping and surfacing Lowkuty Road up to Tufangunj.	.....	11,570	.....	.....	11,57
287	Re-metalling town Roads and repairs to culverts.	.....	8,357	.....	.....	8,35
288	Clearing drains and road side jungles of the town.	.....	2,561	.....	.....	2,56
289	Maintenance of the Kutcha Roads of the town.	.....	420	.....	.....	42
290	Thorough repairs to Giladanga Kesharhat Village path.	2,896	.....	.....	.....	.....
291	Village paths	5,176	654	.....	.....	65
292	Special repairs to Village path from Hazrarhat to Bairagirhat *via* Nayerhat.	4,027	.....	.....	.....	.....
293	Dismantling the wooden bridge on the Raidak and Gadadhar River.	.....	.....	774	.....	77
	Total Repairs ...	96,867	52,415	1,263	26,340	80,01
	Drainage.					
294	Opening and maintaining drainage channels in the State.	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Drainage ...	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Contingencies.					
295	Contingencies	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
296	Driver of Steam Road Roller ...	180	180	.....	.....	180
297	Renewals and repairs to the sign-boards of the Town Roads.	.....	57	.....	.....	57
	Total Contingencies ...	181	237	.....	.....	237
	Inspection Bungalow Establishment.					
298	Chowkidars for Rest houses ...	1,298	1,320	.....	.....	1,320
	Total I. Bunglow Establishment...	1,298	1,320	.....	.....	1,320
	Town Road Establishment.					
299	Cooly Establishment ...	.....	1,049	.....	.....	1,049
	Total Town Road Establishment...	.....	1,049	.....	.....	1,049
	Total Communication ...	1,52,305	96,524	1,263	26,340	1,24,127
	RECEIPT.					
300	P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts ...	8,738	7,689	.....	.....	7,689
301	Sale of Timber and Forest ordinary.	1,004	2,113	.....	.....	2,113
302	C. I. Receipts	60	149	.....	.....	149
	Total Receipt ...	9,802	9,951	.....	.....	9,951

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COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Statement shewing the Repairs done to Roads &c., during the year 1927-28.

Item No.	Names of Roads.	Earthwork including dressing cft.	Surface repairs sft.	Turfing sft.	Wood work cft.	Corrugated Iron culverts rft.	Renewing Metalling. cft.	Railing	Planking sft.	Remarks.
1	Buxa Road	300	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
2	balarampur Feeder Road	72,027	11,520	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	39,070	3,564	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
4	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj	73,079	2,4110	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	...	
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	51,110	51,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road	57,070	70,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
7	Chowdhurirhat feeder Road	26,747	27,900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including the Dewangunj Feeder Road.	29,48,820	30,60,164	9,35,807	4·65	.....	2,046	.....	...	
9	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
10	Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Balarampur	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
11	Feeder Road from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Sibpur Bowrah.	24,484	12,000	2,10,517	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
12	Janoki Tewari Road	25,776	34,840	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
13	Kashiabari Feeder Road	11,684	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
14	Kakina Road with branches	32,435	25,240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
15	Katamari to Manabari Road	17,30,0[illegible]5	5,18,635	90,336	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
16	Lowkuti Road	19,47,249	39,752	2,89,293	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
17	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,804·31	.....	...	
18	Purbabhag Road	2 .167	20,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
19	Ratherdanga Road	9,147	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
20	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	38,967	.....	14,060	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
21	,, ,, in the Suburbs	12,702	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
22	Road from Changrabanda to Jemaldah	35,044	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
23	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	19,550	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
24	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garodhat	5,72,793	59,400	1,61,860	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
25	Ditto Dinhata to Buxirhat	11,403	10,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
26	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	8,965	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Moranga	46,932	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
29	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta	15,030	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
30	Ditto Shahebgunj to Bamanhat	9,040	9,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
31	Rangpur Road	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
32	Salbari Road	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
33	Remetalling Town Roads and repairs to culverts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,806	.....	...	
34	Maintenance of Kutcha Roads of the Town	3,63,591	20,460	45,390	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
35	Village paths	1,04,827	73,231	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
	TOTAL ...	83,08,194	40,81,406	17,47,263	7·65	.....	62,656·31	.....	...	

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L.—*Statement of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department*

Serial No.	NAMES OF ROADS.	Width.	Bridges and Culverts.								
			Iron bridges.		Pucca bridges.		Wooden bridges.		Bamboo bridges.		Culverts.
			No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.
	Roads.										
1	Buxa Road	20	4	339	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	15	5	249	4	100	...	.....	...	.....	9
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi...	15	6	398	9	213	...	.....	...	.....	12
4	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj ...	20	4	274	...	.....	5	148	1	20	7
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan ...	15	1	56	...	.....	5	157	...	.....	2
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga *via* Ranirhat.	15, 12	1	120	5	51	2	98-9″	...	.....	9
7	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road	15	...	.....	3	33	...	.....	...	.....	3
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewangunj Feeder Road.	20	11	959¾	14	660½	1	12	...	.....	17
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar ...	20, 15	...	.....	...	.....	2	30-6″	...	.....	11
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	36	...	.....	16
11	Ditto Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	15, 12	2	98	...	.....	5	88	...	.....	3
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Shibpur Bowrah.	15, 12	1	12	...	.....	6	177	2	129	18
13	Falacutta Road	15	3	122	...	.....	1	6	...	.....	3
14	Gadadhar Road (Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari).	15	2	60	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	6
15	Janaki Tewari Road	15	3	132	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	12
16	Kashiabari Feeder Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	75	...	.....	2
17	Kakina Road with branches	20, 15, 12	3	126½	3	133	1	62	...	.....	18
18	Katamari to Manabari Road	15, 12	3	176	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	9
19	Lowkuti Road	15, 20	6	377¼	2	103	2	24	...	.....	15
20	Manickgunj Feeder Road	15	1	14	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
21	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs ...	15, 20, 25	2	44	1	38	...	.....	...	.....	58
22	Purbabhag Road	20	2	32	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
23	Roads and bridges at Nilkuti	25, 20, 18.	1	21	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4
24	Ditto in the Suburbs	20, 15, 12, 10	1	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	10
25	Rungpur Road	20	5	246½	1	28	...	.....	1	32	13
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga ...	15	...	.....	2	27	2	111-6″	...	.....	11
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	15, 12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	10, 12	..	.....	...	.....	1	65	...	.....	5
29	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	12, 15	...	.....	...	.....	2	62	...	.....	3
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	10, 12	1	23	...	.....	1	62	...	.....	2
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	15 12, 10	2	34	...	.....	...	.....	2	24	6
32	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	12	...	.....	...	.....	1	15	...	.....	1
32A	Clearing drains and road-side jungles of the Town	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
32B	Maintenance of Kutcha roads in the Town ...	15, 20, 25	...	.....	1	30	...	.....	...	.....	34
33	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	12, 15	...	.....	...	.....	...	244	...	.....	14
34	Ditto Baneswar to Sukhandighi *via* Pundibari.	15, 12	1	20	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
35	Ditto Dinhata to Buxirhat	12	1	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
36	Ditto Latkobari to Chowdhurirhat ...	12	2	63½	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
37	Ditto Shahebgunj to Bamanhat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	..	.....	3	29	4
38	Ratherdanga Road	10	1	50	1	10¾	2	30	...	.....	4
39	Salbari Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	1	10	...	.....	2
40	Ghokshadanga to Shukhandighi Road ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
41	Kristapur Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
42	Road from Changrabanda to Jamaldah ...	15	3	80	3	22¾	2	36	...	.....	1
	Total ...	.....	78	4150	49	1,450	44	1,549-9″	9	234	358
	Village Paths.										
1	Bowti Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
2	Road from Garadhat to Bhalka	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
3	Balarampur to Shilkhuri and Fulkumar ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
4	Balarampur to Chilakhana	10	...	.....	...	.....	1	16	...	1	1
5	Dhubri Teesta Road to Durgapur	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
6	Kheti-Mathabhanga Road to Moranga with branch to Keshorhat.	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
7	Rungpur Road to Bamanhat through Gossaigunj	10	...	.....	1	15	1	10	...	.....	6
8	Pundibari Road to Sil Torsa	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
9	Road from Fulkumar to Nakkatigach ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
10	Small roads including road to Hatibandha ...	15, 10	1	80	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
11	Path from Cooch Behar to Tokomari Road to Baneswar and to Marugunj.	10, 12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4
12	Road from Abutara to Bamanhat	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
13	Dhowiabari to Sissobtola	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
14	Path from Janaki Tewari Road to Ranirhat ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
15	Cooch Behar to Rajarhat Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	44	
16	Debagram Road	10	...	.....	.	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
17	Marugunj Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
18	Chatnai-Chilahati Road	15	2	97	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	
19	Thanerhat Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
20	Falimari Road and Bhatibari Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	
21	Falimari Railway Station to Purbabhag ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	45	1	12	
22	Chenakata to Bairagirhat	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	82	...	.....	
23	Road from Katamari Road to Khagendra Nath Deota's house (Mainagurihat.)	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
24	Road from Noyahat to Dowagurihat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	
	Total ...	.....	3	117	1	15	4	103	3	56	2

nd Expenditure in the year 1927-1928.

Metalled.	Length. Embanked and bridged.	Length. Embanked but not permanently bridged	Length. Neither embanked nor bridged.	Expenditure. Original Works.	Expenditure. Repairs.	Expenditure. Total.	Remarks.
.....	5	2	3½	.....	46	46	
.....	15	2	1	.....	453	453	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	331	331	
.....	27½	.....	1½	692	1,901	2,593	
.....	9	2¼	.....	52	291	343	
.....	14	.....	6	.....	386	386	
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	143	143	
⅛	30¼	5	3¾	26,628	23,399	50,027	
.....	12	2	2	.....	18	18	
.....	6	.....	5¼	.....	6	6	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	15	.....	4	2,089	674	2,763	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	48	48	
.....	11	.....	.....	.....	176	176	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	214	214	
.....	31	.....	3½	.....	303	303	
.....	5½	2½	1½	2,684	10,576	13,260	
¼	18⅗	4	2	2,607	12,789	15,396	
.....	1	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....	
16	.....	.....	.....	6,414	14,618	21,032	
.....	11½	.....	.....	.....	108	108	
2½	½	.....	.....	.....	1,622	1,622	
.....	8¼	.....	4	.....	140	140	
.....	26½	.....	.....	.....	159	159	
.....	.....	16	.....	.....	308	308	
.....	2	.....	4	.....	50	50	
.....	4	4	4	.....	164	164	
.....	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	
.....	2½	3	2	.....	.....	.....	
.....	7	.....	3	337	242	579	
.....	2	1	5	.....	105	105	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,561	2,561	
.....	10½	.....	.....	.....	420	420	
.....	12½	15	4	.....	5,321	5,321	
.....	.....	8½	4	.....	.....	.....	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	85	85	
.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	3¼	.....	.....	190	190	
.....	3	2½	.....	.....	54	54	
.....	.....	.....	4¼	.....	48	48	
.....	.....	2	1¼	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....	5¾	.....	.....	.....	
.....	6½	.....	.....	.....	212	212	
18⅘	341 9/16	83 7/14	79 5/12	41,503	78,161	1,19,664	
.....	.....	.....	5				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	2	12				
.....	.....	.....	6				
.....	1	.....	3				
.....	.....	.....	11				
.....	6	.....	10				
.....	.....	.....	2				Memo.
.....	.....	.....	2½				
.....	.....	.....	4				Original and Repairs Rs. 1,20,318
.....	2	.....	8½	.....	654	654	Add Inspection Bungalows Rs. 1,203
.....	.....	3½	.....				
.....	.....	.....	5				Total ... 1,21,521
.....	.....	2	.....				
.....	.....	.....	3½				
.....	.....	.....	4¾				
.....	.....	.....	4⅞				
.....	4¾	.....	.....				
.....	.....	.....	7¾				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	2⅛	.....				
.....	.....	2	2				
.....	.....	.....	⅛				
.....	.....	.....	8½				
.....	13¾	11⅛	101⅞	41,503	78,815	1,20,318	

S. C. MITRA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

N.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure of the Chaklajat Public Works Department for the year 1927-28.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-27.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1927-28.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Establishment including Contingency.	789 0 0		1,550 0 0	
Total Establishment ...		789 0 0		1,550 0 0
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings	5,704 0 0		12 0 0	
Total Original Works ...		5,704 0 0		12 0 0
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings	5,870 0 0		2,598 0 0	
Communication	195 0 0		119 0 0	
Miscellaneous	86 0 0		2 0 0	
Total Repairs ...		6,121 0 0		2,719 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ...		12,614 0 0		4,281 0 0
RECEIPTS.				
Sale proceeds of old materials &c.	68 0 0		80 0 0	
Total Receipts ...		68 0 0		80 0 0

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State Engineer, P. W. Department,
Cooch Behar State.

N.—*Annual Statement of Expenditure of the Chaklajat P. W. D. for the year 1927-28.*

Serial No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-27. Total.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1927-28. Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Establishment.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
1	Pay of Sub-Overseer	.....	412 0 0	.....	412 0 0
2	Peon	120 0 0	115 0 0	.....	115 0 0
3	Travelling and contingencies ...	829 0 0	837 0 0	.....	837 0 0
4	Chowkidar and Sweeper for Patgram Dák Bungalow.	156 0 0	156 0 0	.....	156 0 0
5	Purchase of furniture for Patgram Staging Bungalow.	184 0 0	.....	.....	.....
6	Purchase of furniture	.....	30 0 0	.....	30 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	789 0 0	1,550 0 0	.....	1,550 0 0
	ORIGINAL WORKS.				
7	Construction of a new Toke Kutchery at Kharibari.	.....	12 0 0	.....	12 0 0
8	Constrctuion of a two-seated Latrine in the Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri.	564 0 0	.....	.....	.....
9	Construction of a two-seated Pucca Latrine in the Compound of Staging Bungelow at Debigunj.	518 0 0	.....	.....	.....
10	Half-terracing the roof of the Bodeswari Temple.	247 0 0	.....	.....	.....
11	Half-terracing the roof of the Manager's Residence at Debigunj.	373 0 0	.....	.....	.....
12	Providing brick-nogging wall and Pucca floor to the Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri.	2,112 0 0	.....	.....	.....
13	Providing iron gratings to the windows of the Record Room and office building at Debigunj.	316 0 0	.....	.....	.....
14	Providing wooden railing with painting to the Verandah of the Guest house at Debigunj.	75 0 0	.....	.....	.....
15	Renewing corrugated iron roof of the old Record Room at Debigunj.	1,504 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	5,704 0 0	12 0 0	.....	12 0 0
	REPAIRS.				
	Civil Buildings.				
16	Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	195 0 0	182 0 0	.....	182 0 0
17	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes)...	1,181 0 0	270 0 0	.....	270 0 0
18	Compounders' quarters at Debigunj	53 0 0	48 0 0	.....	48 0 0
19	Cholera shed at Debigunj ...	33 0 0	35 0 0	.....	35 0 0
20	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj.	187 0 0	4 0 0	.....	4 0 0
21	Guest house at Debigunj	107 0 0	121 0 0	.....	121 0 0
22	Manager's Residence at Debigunj	408 0 0	345 0 0	.....	345 0 0
23	Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	299 0 0	218 0 0	.....	218 0 0
24	Ditto ditto at Debigunj ...	346 0 0	75 0 0	.....	75 0 0
25	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	213 0 0	143 0 0	.....	143 0 0
26	Philkhana and Mahoots' quarters...	71 0 0	64 0 0	.....	64 0 0
27	Rungpur Toke Kutcheries ...	957 0 0	12 0 0	.....	12 0 0
28	School Buildings in the Estates ...	309 0 0	335 0 0	.....	335 0 0
29	Staging Bungalow at Debigunj and Patgram.	744 0 0	406 0 0	.....	406 0 0
30	Sub-Registry office building at Boda	87 0 0	10 0 0	.....	10 0 0
31	Temples in the Estates ...	680 0 0	330 0 0	.....	330 0 0
	Total Repairs ...	5,870 0 0	2,598 0 0	.....	2,598 0 0
	Communication.				
32	Station Road	165 0 0	119 0 0	.....	119 0 0
	Total Communication ...	165 0 0	119 0 0	.....	119 0 0
	Miscellaneous.				
33	Tangali Bund, Tanks and wells ...	86 0 0	2 0 0	.....	2 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	86 0 0	2 0 0	.....	2 0 0
	Grand Total ...	12,614 0 0	4,281 0 0	.....	4,281 0 0
	Receipts.				
34	Sale Proceeds of old materials ...	68 0 0	80 0 0	.....	80 0 0
	Total receipts ...	68 0 0	80 0 0	.....	80 0 0

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State Engineer, P. W. D. Cooch Behar.

TABLE O.—*Showing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.*

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily No. of in-patients.	Average daily No. of out-patients.
1927-1928.					
Sudder Dispensary	1,[illegible]85	12,925	14,010	29·13	83·40
Dinhata ,, ...	110	12,085	12,195	2·08	93·95
Mathabhanga ,, ...	87	6,086	6,173	2·80	31·92
Mekliguni ,, ...	20	5,045	5,065	0·74	46·15
Tufanguni ,, ...	36	4,926	4,962	0·53	23·06
Haldibari ,, ...	39	8,647	8,686	0·64	64·23
Sitalkhuchi ,, ...	18	3,372	3,390	0·06	9·90
Nishiguni ,, ...	.....	3,662	3,662	.....	17·57
Sudder Jail	41	791	832	0·77	6·25
Total ...	1,[illegible]6	57,539	58,975	36·75	376·03
1926-1927.					
Sudder Dispensary	655	13,485	14,140	22·02	73·49
Dinhata ,, ...	84	9,211	9,295	1·72	63·45
Mathabhanga ,, ...	79	5,602	5,681	1·79	35·78
Mekliguni ,, ...	26	5,571	5,597	0·62	52·58
Tufanguni ,, ...	49	41,55	4,204	0·64	29·47
Haldibari ,, ...	46	7,703	7,749	0·94	57·13
Shitalkhuchi ,, ...	2	2,871	2,873	0·18	19·18
Nishiguni ,, ...	.....	5,775	5,775	.....	27·86
Jail Hospital	54	1,837	1,891	1·48	5·03
Police and Military Hospital	621	.....	621	10·68	.....
Total ...	1,616	56,210	57,826	40·07	358·97

TABLE P.

Number of Major operations, and their results, performed in the various State Hospitals during the year 1927-28.

Serial Number.	Names of diseases.	Total cases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Death.	Remaining.	Nature of operation done.
1	Abscess Mastiod	1	1	...	...	...	Opened & drained.
2	,, Mammary	1	1	...	..	...	Do.
3	,, Deep Scrotem	6	6	...	...	...	Opened.
4	,, Do Buttock	6	6	...	...	...	Do
5	,, Do Thigh.	9	9	...	...	...	Do
6	,, Do Axilla	2	2	...	...	...	Do
7	,, Do Back	2	2	...	...	...	Do
8	,, Do Arm Hand, ...	2	2	...	...	...	Do
9	Compound fracture fore-arm ...	1	1	...	...	...	Amputated.
10	Cataract	3	3	...	...	...	Extraction of Lense,
11	Hydrocele	8	8	...	...	...	Radical Operation.
12	Stone in Bladder	3	2	1	...	...	Lithotrite.
13	Cystice Tumor, ...	4	4	...	...	...	Removee.
14	Carcinoma (Vulva)	1	1	...	...	...	Do
15	Sinus Back, Abdomen and thigh ...	4	3	1	...	...	Enlarge & counteropened.
16	Appendicitis.	2	2	...	...	...	Open & removed.
17	Synovitis.	2	2	...	...	...	Opened.
18	Injury by wild Bore.	2	2	...	...	...	In one cass Eyeball was extracted & the broken pieces of frontal bone removed & in the other case a finger was amputed.
19	Dislocation Shoulder.	1	1	...	...	...	Reduced.
20	Compound dislocation toe	1	1	...	...	...	Do
21	Dislocatiion knee.	1	1	...	...	...	Do
22	Necrosis Thump.	1	1	...	...	...	Opened & scrapped.
23	Compound dislocation right Anla (lower end.)	1	1	...	...	...	Incised the external wound to replace the bone & put up in splint after stitching the external wound.
24	Carbuncle.	1	1	...	...	...	Opened & incised.
	Total ...	65	63	2	...	...	

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TABLE Q.—*Showing the number of prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.*

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.		IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					Total.	TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.	
	1926-1927.	1927-28.	1926-1927.	1927-28.	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged or otherwise.	Died.	Remaining.		1926-27.	1927-28.
GENERAL DISEASES.												
Kala-azar	43	52	19	9	1	2	1	2	.....	9	62	61
Malarial fever	16,516	19,174	743	591	487	65	15	19	5	591	17,259	19,765
Cholera	4	23	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	7	25
Rheumatic affections	2,546	1,550	32	34	13	18	3	.....	.....	34	1,578	1,584
Syphilitic ditto	121	78	12	5	1	1	3	.....	.....	5	133	82
LOCAL DISEASES.												
Respiratory affections	2,695	2,993	32	48	23	13	5	6	1	48	2,733	3,041
Goitre	1,122	1,343	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,124	1,344
Dysentery	1,179	1,092	71	66	44	13	3	5	1	66	1,250	1,158
Diarrhœa	1,151	1,049	35	47	31	7	3	5	1	47	1,186	1,096
Worms	1,048	1,380	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	1,048	1,382
Spleen	1,208	875	14	29	8	16	3	1	1	29	1,223	904
Skin disease	7,633	7,152	27	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7,660	7,156

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TABLE .R—*Shows the particulars of mortality amongst cases treated as in-patients in the various Hospitals of the State.*

NAMES OF DISEASES.	SUDDER HOSPITAL.		DINHATA HOSPITAL.		MATHABHANGA HOSPITAL.		MEKLIGUNJ HOSPITAL.		TUFANGUNJ HOSPITAL.		HALDIBARI HOSPITAL.		SITALKUCHI HOSPITAL.		SUDDER JAIL HOSPITAL.		TOTAL NO. OF CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITALS.		Percentage of deaths 1926-27.	Percentage of deaths for 1927-1928.
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.		
Kala-azar ...	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	5·26	22·22
Cholera ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	33·33	50
Dysentery ...	49	3	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	59	5	29·72	8·47
Malarial fever	503	18	32	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	...	...	...	...	546	21	6·98	3·84
Typhoid fever	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	.....	75
Secondary Syphilis.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Gonorrhœa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Scurvy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Worms ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Debility and Anæmia.	36	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	1	6·25	2·77
Rheumatic affections.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Tuberculous diseases.	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	.....	100
Leprosy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
All other general diseases.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	2	20	66·66
Diseases of Nervous System.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	.....	100
Do. Eye ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Ear ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Nose ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Circulory System.	21	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	1	100	4·76
Do. Lungs. ...	12	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	15	5	26·31	33
Other diseases of the Respiratory System.	19	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	.....	5·26
Diarrhœa ...	40	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2		...	...	...	44	5	22·22	11·36
Dyspepsia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Diseases of the Liver.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Other disease of the Digestive System.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Diseases of the spleen.	24	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	1	25	4·16
Other diseases of the Lymphotic system.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Goitre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Diseases of the Urinary System	17	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	22	5	50	22·72
Soft Chancre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Other diseases of the Generative System.	16	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2	.....	12·5
Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Do. Conective Tissue.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Ulcers ...	49	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	3	16·81	6·12
Other disease of the Skin.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
All other local diseases.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	25	50
General Injuries	24	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	2	.....	8·33
Local Injuriy.	77	3	46	1	45	1	...	...	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	176	6	4·10	3·40
Poisons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Dog bite ...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	.....	25
Drowning ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	.....	100
Total ...	969	52	82	5	54	4	...	...	2	1	29	8	1	1	2	1	1079	72	11·73	6.67

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TABLE S.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

		Years. 1926-1927.	1927-1928.
Total vaccinated		55,896	41,691
Males		34,316	26,898
Females		21,580	14,793
Hindoos		39,155	28,168
Mahomedans		16,698	13,341
Christians		10	.....
Other castes		33	182
Under one year		4,733	677
Above one year		51,163	41,014
Successful Cases. Out of 4 points	4	5,418	2,553
	3	2,775	929
	2	8,302	8,464
	1	2,297	2,834
Successful Cases. Out of 2 points	2	21,072	18,807
	1	9,446	3,111
Unsuccessful		5,478	4,210
Unknown		1,008	758
Total successful cases		49,410	56,721
Percentage of do.		88·39	88·07

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Months.	1918-19	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26	1926-27.	1927-28.	Total.	Average.
April	9·71	4·36	3·10	22·79	4·98	8·22	9·98	9·60	1·57	3·13	77·44	7·74
May	15·83	8·61	15·46	57·31	9·05	22·73	17·00	11·36	7·82	25·41	190·58	19·05
June	35·74	32·46	53·00	45·26	38·87	20·31	53·41	36·05	37·30	59·66	412·09	41·21
July	49·39	29·54	16·91	73·44	30·47	22·33	34·78	14·69	52·39	10·94	344·85	34·48
August	27·63	9·53	59·40	20·03	29·14	8·01	21·99	26·56	13·70	10·14	226·13	22·61
September ...	9·99	32·01	48·16	22·81	15·25	34·58	16·17	24·39	12·87	28·73	244·96	24·49
October	0·90	13·51	16·16	8·95	2·02	3·97	6·04	1·60	3·26	2·94	59·35	5·93
November ...	...	...	...	0·08	0·01	...	2·57	0·68	...	0·78	4·12	0·41
December ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·42	...	0·42	0·04
January	...	0·55	1·37	1·16	...	...	0·01	0·18	0·07	0·23	3·57	0·35
February ...	...	0·02	0·26	0·02	1·61	0·04	...	...	0·43	0·05	2·43	0·24
March	...	0·11	3·60	0·16	...	0·02	0·15	3·49	1·93	...	9·46	0·94
Total ...	149·19	130·70	217·42	251·92	131·40	120·21	162·13	128·60	131·76	152·01	1575·40	157·48

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TABLE V.

Financial Statement.

Year.	Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Diet to in-patients.	Contingent charges.	Postage.	Travelling allowances	Total expenditure of each of the Dispensaries.	Cost of each diet.	Clothing and beddings purchased and distributed to others.	Stationery articles purchased and distributed to others.	Medicines &c purchased and distributed to others.	Furniture purchased and distributed toothers.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles etc.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1927-28.	Sudder Dispensary	14,265 15 3	1,499 14 6	2,098 5 8	.....	186 9 0	18,050 12 5	0 2 11·59	1,698 0 0	300 0 0	10,299 0 0	125 0 0	930 8 0	371 0 0	32 4 0	
	Dinhata „ ...	1,932 8 10	147 11 11	127 4 3	7 1 0	2 10 0	2,217 4 0	0 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 13 0	57 5 0	6 14 0	
	Mathabhanga „ ...	2,881 0 0	278 7 8	116 13 0	8 9 0	63 4 0	3,348 1 8	0 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 1 0	80 15 6	7 2 0	
	Mekligunj „ ...	2,053 7 1	17 14 3	98 15 0	7 0 0	5 4 0	2,182 8 4	0 2 8¼	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 11 0	165 8 6	9 10 0	
	Toofangunj „ ..	1,879 0 0	51 1 6	67 9 2	7 0 0	15 4 0	2,019 14 8	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 7 0	15 8 0	2 9 0	
	Haldibari „ ...	1,939 0 0	61 12 7	82 1 0	7 0 0	.....	2,089 13 7	0 4 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 8 0	199 10 6	7 10 0	
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	1,252 0 0	51 11 6	59 3 6	7 0 0	42 14 0	1,412 13 0	0 4 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 4 0	.....	2 6 0	
	Nishigunj ...	1,178 0 0	.....	48 4 9	5 0 0	19 11 0	1,250 15 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 5 6	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,572 3 5	.....	1,698 0 0	300 0 0	10,299 0 0	125 0 0	1,3 7 4 0	1,089 15 6	72 12 6	
1926-27.	Sudder Dispensary	13,375 0 0	1,490 3 9	1,673 13 6	.....	206 3 0	16,782 4 6	0 2 11·59	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,300 0 0	81 5 6	1,096 0 0	453 7 6	34 8 0	
	Dinhata „ ...	1,763 6 0	114 10 9	115 7 6	8 2 0	15 10 0	2,018 4 3	0 2 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 12 0	33 15 0	9 2 0	
	Mathabhanga ...	2,386 14 6	161 1 11	98 6 9	7 0 0	45 12 0	2,699 3 2	0 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 13 0	72 0 0	7 14 0	
	Mekligunj „ ...	1,983 13 11	69 12 9	90 15 6	4 11 0	49 7 0	2,198 11 11	0 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 11 0	75 0 6	6 0 0	
	Toofangunj „ ...	1,659 0 0	48 4 11	76 5 5	4 15 0	10 10 0	1,800 3 4	0 2 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 3 0	30 8 6	1 4 0	
	Haldibari „ ...	1,884 0 0	105 5 9	97 14 9	7 0 0	4 8 0	2,102 12 6	0 4 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 8 0	262 11 0	7 7 0	
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	1,176 7 2	10 9 0	54 2 6	3 5 0	6 6 0	1,250 13 8	0 3 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	0 9 0	3 8 0	
	Nishigunj „ ...	1,080 0 0	.....	36 3 9	4 0 0	4 10 0	1,124 13 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,977 3 1	.....	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,300 0 0	81 5 6	1,456 15 0	928 3 6	69 11 0	

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FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, ESQ., RAI BAHADUR, M A.,

Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar State.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 14th July, 1928.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1927-28.

2. The Department was under my control for the whole year.

SECTION I—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 20,12,755 and the arrear demand including Rs. 736 due to settlements concluded in the year under report with retrospective effect was Rs. 3,30,743 The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 23,43,498. The total collection was. Rs. 20,26,615 but as this amount includes excess payments amounting to Rs. 10,099 on account of future liabilities for Land Revenue, the net collection for the year was Rs. 20,16,516. Remissions were granted for Rs. 5,391. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 23,43,498 was thus Rs. 20,21,907 (Rs 20,16,516 plus Rs. 5,391) leaving a balance of Rs. 3,21,591 for recovery. The following table compares the figures for the last eight years :—

YEAR.	DEMAND.							BALANCE.				REMARKS
		Bakeya or arrear demand.										
	Hal or current demand.	Amount of balance shewn in the statement for the previous year.	Increase.	Total arrear demand.	Grand total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrear demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.	Amount of excess payment or amount which forms part of future demand is included in the collections.	
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	
1920-1921 ..	18,62,391	1,27,033	3,169	1,30,202	19,92,593	17,98,023	2,268	60,873	1,38,723	1,99,596	7,294	
1921-1922 ..	19,09,384	1,99,596	3,796	2,03,392	21,12,776	18,03,012	3,568	1,04,132	2,08,427	3,12,559	6,363	
1922-1923 ...	19,55,550	3,12,559	574	3,13,133	22,68,683	19,52,538	605	1,34,179	1,88,320	3,22,499	6,959	
1923-1924 ..	19,98,478	3,22,499	301	3,22,800	23,18,278	19,69,601	592	1,53,692	2,01,709	3,55,401	7,215	
1924-1925 ...	20,36,994	3,55,401	1,498	3,56,899	23,93,893	20,50,573	1,233	1,66,392	1,81,980	3,48,372	6,285	
1925-1926 ..	20,82,883	3,48,372	1,907	3,50,279	23,83,162	20,53,614	6,636	1,85,286	1,44,029	3,29,315	6,433	
1926-1927 ..	20,42,380	3,29,315	5,191	3,34,506	23,76,886	20,44,098	8,869	1,98,405	1,31,602	3,30,007	6,088	
1927-1928 ...	20,12,755	3,30,007	736	3,30,743	23,43,498	20,26,615	5,391	1,97,319	1,24,272	3,21,591	10,099	

4. From the details in statements I and II appended to the report which refer to Mâl and Debutter Land Revenue it will be seen that as compared with 1926-27 there was a gross increase of Rs. 95,542 and a gross decrease of Rs. 1,25,166 in the current demand or a resultant net decrease of Rs. 29,624. For facility of reference the defferent items of increase and decrease are shown in the following table :—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs		Rs	
Increase due to Settlement of Khas Jotes.	279	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes.	275	
Increase obtained by Settlement of relinquished Jotes.	100	Decrease due to Jotes being made Khas under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act.	658	
Increase due to settlement of Khas Lands.	358	Decrease due to diluvion	572	
			1,505	
Increase due to Settlement of Payasti lands.	888	Decrease due to rectification of mistakes.	891	
	1,625			
Increase obtained in the revisional survey.	89,210	Decrease due to cancellation of the settlement of lands made twice over by mistake.	3	
Increase due to entry in the Towji of the Jama kept in abeyance.	4	Decrease due to the deduction of Mohana rate.	26	
		Decrease due to the acquisition of lands.	149	
Increase due to inclusion of 10 Jotes within the town area.	51	Decrease due to the cancellation of of bad Jotes.	1	
Increase due to a Jote of the town having been included within the Sudder Sub-division.	6	Decrease due to the falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals.	15,755	
		Decrease in Haldibari toll collection.	2,063	17,818
Increase obtained by the settlement of Syrat Mehals	4638	Decrease due to a Jote of the town having been included within the Sadar Sub-division.	5	
Increase due to the settlement of a new Syrat.	5	Decrease due to inclusion of 10 Jotes within town area.	27	
	4,643			
Increase due to settlement of one Excise shop.	3	Decrease due to revisional survey	1,04,735	
		Decrease due to a Jote in Tufanganj Sub-division having been included within Government area.	6	
Grand total ...	95.542	Grand total ...	1,25,166	

5. The decrease in the current demand of Revenue in the year under report was chiefly due to revisional survey and the falling off of Syrat Revenue. There was a net decrease of Rs. 15,525 (Decrease Rs. 1,04,735 minus Increase Rs. 89,210) in the Revisional Survey. Against a net increase of Rs. 4,379 in the Revenue from Syrat Mehals in 1926-27 there was a net decrease of Rs. 13,175 Decrease Rs. 17,818 minus Increase Rs. 4,643) under the head during the year under report.

6. The increase obtained by the re-settlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes as well as Khas and Payasti lands amounted to Rs. 1,625 as against Rs. 2,621 of the previous year The decrease amounting to Rs. 1,505 due to relinquishment of Jotes, to Jotes being made Khas and to diluvion was made good by an increase of Rs. 1,625 obtained by the settlement of Khas land relinquished Jotes and Khas and Payasti lands.

7. The collections for the year under report (Rs. 20,26,615) exceeded the current demand by Rs. 13,860 and the average collections for the preceding 5 years by Rs. 12,744 but fell short of the collections for 1926-27 by Rs. 17,483. Of the unrecoveed balance of Rs. 3,21,591 shown in the table in paragraph 3 above Rs. 1,20,596 was due at the close of the year from the estates under the management of the Courts of Wards.

The following table compares the collections in each Sub-divisional Office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.		Demand.			Amount collected.	Percentage of collections on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Current.	Arrear.	Total.				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1926-27	4,39,320	58,729	4,98,049	4,49,922	102·41	49,516	9·9
	1927-28	4,38,372	49,556	4,87,928	4,40,059	100·38	51,097	10·4
Tufangunj ...	1926-27	2,91,617	67,444	3,59,061	2,86,226	97·55	66,655	19·1
	1927-28	2,90,378	68,656	3,59,034	2,95,148	101·64	63,643	17·7
Mekliganj ...	1926-27	3,09,121	43,761	3,52,882	2,97,521	96·24	54,421	15·4
	1927-28	2,82,828	54,421	3,37,249	2,85,761	101·04	51,264	15·2
Mathabhanga ...	1926-27	5,32,748	82,289	6,15,037	5,33,932	100·22	81,419	13·2
	1927-28	5,44,398	81,376	6,26,134	5,43,858	99·90	82,960	13·2
Dinhata ...	1926-27	4,69,573	82,283	5,51,856	4,76,497	100·47	75,998	15·9
	1927-28	4,56,779	76,374	5,33,153	4,61,789	101·09	72,627	13·6
Total ...	1926-27	20,42,379	3,34,506	23,76,885	20,44,098	100·08	3,30,007	13·9
	1927-28	20,12,755	3,30,743	23,43,498	20,26,615	100·68	3,21,591	13·7

There was a slight increase in the percentage of total collections on the current demand as compared with the previous year. Excepting in the Mathabhanga Sub-division, the collections exceeded 100 per cent of the current demand in all the Sub-divisions.

8. As shown in the table in paragraph 3 the balance outstanding at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 3,30,007 while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs. 3,30,743. The net increase of Rs. 736 was due to resettlement concluded during the year under report with retrospective effect. The details of the arrear balance at the end of 1927-28 are shown in the following table :—

Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1926-27.	1. Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1926-27 Rs. 3,30,007 deduct Rs. 107 on account of rectification of mistakes in the Sudder Sub-division (1927-28). Rs. 3,29,900 ... A.	Amount collected during 1927-28	Rs. 1,28,240
		Ditto remitted during 1927-28 ...	4,858
		Total ...	1,33,098 B
	2. Balance at the close of 1927-28. Rs. 1,96,802 ... (A-B.)		
	3. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 2		Nil
Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1927-28 owing to retrospective settlements.	4. Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1927-28 Rs. 843 ... C.	Amount collected during 1927-28 ...	+329
		Deduct excess payment ...	−4
			325
	5. Balance at the close of 1927-28 Rs. 517 (C-D).	Amount remitted during 1927-28 ...	+1
		Total ...	326 D
	6. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 5		Nil
	7. Total balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 ..		...1,97,319
	8. Total balance which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 above		Nil

The amount remitted out of the arrear demand (Rs 4,859) together with the amount written off out of the current demand (Rs. 532) makes a total of Rs. 5,391 on account of remissions granted during the year which is only 22 per cent of the total demand of Rs 23,43,498. The remissions were due to diluvion of lands, acquisition of lands for public purposes and other miscellaneous causes.

9. The total number of Jotes shewn on the Revenue Roll was 25728 against 25513 of the previous year. There was thus an increase of 215 Jotes due as usual to settlement of Khas lands, and resettlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes. 8606 Jotes were advertised for sale for arrears of revenue, out of which 738 were actually sold. The number of cases in which sales were annulled was 172. The penalties realised amounted to Rs. 4,219-10-3 pies, of which Rs. 1,304-5-10 pies was paid to the auction purchasers under Sub-section 5 of Section XXVII of the Revenue Sale Act.

10. There were 1718 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act of which 1360 were disposed of and 358 remained pending at the close of the year under report. The recoveries by this procedure amounted to Rs. 1,12,618-0-6 pies against Rs. 1,30,904 of the previous year.

11. *Canoongoes.*– The work of the replacement of certain masonry pillars by ferrow-concrete pillars, as recommended by Colonel F. C. Hirst, Boundery Commissioner (1922-23) was practically completed during the year. Out of 266 pillars in all only one in the Sudder Sub-division remained to be replaced at the close of the year. The annual inspection of the boundary pillars between Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri and the repairs and reconstruction of pillars on the same boundary where necessary had to be deferred owing to the delimitation work in respect of six strips formerly demarcated by Mr. Hart (1914) on the same boundary being taken up during the year. The annual Inspection of the Cooch Behar—Assam boundary together with repairs to and reconstruction of pillars was duly completed.

The number of cases which remained pending with the Canoongoes at the end of the previous year was 189 and 2,063 cases were made over to them for enquiry. The total number of cases for enquiry was thus 2,252 against 1,979 of the previous year shewing an increase of 273 cases. Enquiries were completed in 1910 cases, 47 cases were returned without enquiry and 295 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following table shows the number of cases enquired into in each Sub-division:—

	Total for enquiry.	Number enquired into.	Number returned without enquiry.
Sudder	766	657	...
Tufangunj	673	608	37
Mekligunj	217	138	10
Mathabhanga	308	264	...
Dinhata	288	243	...
Total ...	2,252	1,910	47

12. *Revenue cases.*—4,035 cases were instituted during the year under report and 865 were pending at the close of 1926-27. The total for disposal was thus 4,900, of which 3,850 cases were disposed of and 1,050 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following tablecompares the work in each Sub-division during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Year	Total for disposal.	Number disposed of.
Sudder ...	1926-27	1,020	865
	1927-28	1,193	832
Tufangunj ...	1926-27	1,211	1,015
	1927-28	1,098	921
Mekligunj ...	1926-27	795	730
	1927-28	745	597
Mathabhanga...	1926-27	1,210	933
	1927-28	960	734
Dinhata ...	1926-27	745	573
	1927-28	904	656

13. *Cases in which the State was a party.*—Three cases in which the State Pleader appeared on behalf of the State were decided during the year under report. The State was successful in all the three cases. One was instituted and decided in the Court of origin and there was no appeal. The other two were taken up in appeal to the Judicial side of the Regency Council.

14. *Nezarat.*—The following comparative table shows the work done during the last two years :—

Year.	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees were realised afterwards	Process for which fees had been realised.	Total number of process.	Amount realised.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1926-27	3,423	2,204	12,456	18,173	12,159 10 0	8,843 14 7
1927-28	4,098	2,100	14,058	20,265	13,758 8 0	9,806 5 10

The total number of processes increased from 18,173 in the previous year to 20,265 in the year under report. The number of processes for which fees were realised increased by 1,602 and there was a corresponding increase of Rs 1,558-14 in process fees. The expenditure increased by Rs. 962-7-3 in the year under report. The total realisations exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 3,952-2-2 pies.

15. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current demand during the year under review was Rs. 1,951 against the same amount of the previous year. The arrears amounted to Rs. 373 against Rs. 448 of the previous year. The total demand was therefore Rs. 2,324 against Rs. 2,399 in 1926-27. Rs. 1,975 was collected during the year against Rs. 2,068 of the previous year. The excess collections or collections made against future demands amounted to Rs. 37 against Rs. 41 of the preceding year The collections made during the year exceeded the current demand by Rs. 24. The balance left unrealised at the close of the year was Rs. 386.

16. *Crops and condition of people.*—The rainfall registered during the year at the Sudder Station was 143·73 inches against 128·92 inches of the previous year and the normal rainfall of 135·98 inches. The statement in the margin* shows the distribution month by month.

* April	2·20
May	26·34
June	48·42
July	21·25
August	17·32
September	24·14
October	5·49
November	0·13
December	0·00
January	0·09
February	0·05
March	0·00
Total ...	143·73

The seasonable rains in the Sudder and Mekligunj Sub-divisions were favourable to the crops. But the uneven distribution of rainfall in the Dinhata and Tufangunj Sub-divisions injuriously affected the outturn of crops. In the Mathabhanga Sub-division heavy rains retarded the weeding operations to some extent. There were no heavy floods during the year.

Although weeding operations of Bitri paddy and transplantation of Haimanti paddy were to a certain extent retarded in some of the Sub-divisions the outturn was not altogether bad. The price of common rice ranged from Rs. 6-8 to Rs. 8 per maund.

The weather conditions were not very favourable to jute cultivation in the year and the area under the crop decreased partly for that reason and partly on account of the low prices which ruled the market during the year.

The outturn of tobacco and mustard seeds was 12 annas in each case and the price varied from Rs. 10-12 to Rs. 20 per maund and from Rs. 7-8 to Rs. 8-8 per maund respectively.

There were severe epidemics of cholera and small-pox in all the Sub-divisions which continued almost till the end of the year, inspite of the measures taken to stamp them out. The Mekligunj Sub-division also suffered from cattle diseases. The following table shows the number of cases and deaths in each Sub-division :—

Name of Sub-division.	Small-pox		Cholera.		Cattle-disease.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Sudder ...	768	154	91	66	...	...
Tufangunj ...	976	140	132	92	66	39
Dinhata ...	32	10	117	78	...	...
Mekligunj ...	200	42	31	25	589	39
Mathabhanga ...	38	8	139	103	...	...

17. *Emigration.*—The following table gives the details of each Sub-division :—

Name of Sub-division.	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	1	17
Tufangunj ...	7	53
Dinhata	...	...
Meklijung	...	11
Mathabhanga ...	4	28
Total ...	12	109

18. *Tours.*—I was away from Head quarters for 165 days during the year under report including the period spent in Darjeeling and Calcutta on duty. I inspected the State temples and property at Benares and Brindaban.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shown in the following table :—

	Total number of days.	Number of nights passed in the interior.
SUDDER.		
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar	60	2
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan	12	...
DINHATA.		
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy	42	17
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta	22	3
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan	7	2
TUFANGUNJ.		
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi	69	18
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta	25	13
MEKLIGUNJ.		
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharyya	83	41
MATHABHANGA.		
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal	57	21
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen	23	...

It is necessary that the Naib Ahilkars should regularly camp out more in the interior. The remarks made in this connection in the administration report of the previous year do not appear to have borne adequate fruit.

19. *Intestate property.*—The property of persons who died intestate and heirless escheated to the State under the provision of the Unclaimed and Intestate Property Act. The number of cases of such escheats and the recoveries made on account of them in each Sub-division are shown below :—

Name of Sub-division.	Number of cases.	Amount recovered. Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	3	1,091	8	6
Dinhata	3	431	7	6
Tufangunj	1	5	8	0
Mekligunj	2	5	15	9
Mathabhanga	9	222	3	0

20. *Conduct of Officers.*—The staff, both gazetted and ministerial, have, on the whole, worked satisfactorily.

SECTION II.—EXCISE REVENUE.

21. The Excise Revenue from outstills increased from Rs. 82,680 in the year 1926-27 to Rs. 1,06,622 in the year under report. The revenue from duty levied on consumption of Ganja increased from Rs. 88,363 to Rs. 92,161 and the revenue from Opium from Rs. 30,814 to Rs. 42,458. The current demand of Excise Revenue for the year was Rs. 3,07,583 against Rs. 2,55,983 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 51,600. There was no arrear demand. The collections amounted to Rs. 3,07,559. Taking the total population of the State to be 5,92,472 as shown in the Census Report of 1921 the incidence of Excise Revenue per head was 8 annas and 3·67 pies.

22. The table below compares the collection in each Sub-divisional Office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1927-1928.			Total collections for 1927-1928.			Total collections for 1926-1927.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	1,06,436	0	0	1,06,436	0	0	91,289	0	0
Tufangunj	44,469	0	0	44,469	0	0	32,131	0	0
Mekliganj	51,328	0	0	51,328	0	0	47,756	0	0
Mathabhanga	43,697	0	0	43,697	0	0	39,179	0	0
Dinhata	61,653	0	0	61,629	0	0	45,658	0	0
Total ...	3,07,583	0	0	3,07,559	0	0	2,56,013	0	0

It will be seen from the above statement that the collections in all the Sub-divisions were very satisfactory. The increase of Rs. 51,546 in the total collections was mainly due to the increased consumption of Country spirit, Ganja and Opium.

23. The variations under each head of Revenue are explained below :—

(a) *Country Spirit.*—The current demand on account of license fees increased from Rs. 82,680 in 1926-27 to Rs. 1,06,622 in the year under report and there was a corresponding increase in collections. The collections from fresh date palm juice (Tari) also increased from Rs. 170 to Rs. 180 in the year under report.

(b) *Imported Spirit.*—The license fees amounted to Rs. 444 against Rs. 420 of the previous year. The collections on account of license fees of denatured spirit was Rs 75 against Rs. 65 of the previous year due to the opening of some new shops in the year under report. There was a decrease in consumption from 555½ bottles in 1926-27 to 410½ bottles in the year under report with a corresponding decrease in duty levied upon this spirit from Rs. 208-5 to Rs. 153-15.

(c) *Ganja.*—The total demand on account of license fees was Rs. 55,625. The amount collected was Rs. 55,601 against Rs. 44,622 of the previous year. The consumption fell from 100 maunds 16 seers 8 chataks to 75 maunds 21 seers 8 chataks *i. e.*, by 24 maunds 35 seers. The collections on account of duty, however, rose from Rs. 88,363 in 1926-27 to Rs. 92,161-4 in the year under report due to the increased rate of duty.

(d) *Opium.*—The consumption of Opium amounted to 14 maunds 38 seers which exceeded that of the previous year by 4 maunds 4 seers. The duty levied during the year correspondingly increased from Rs. 30,814 in the previous year to Rs. 42,458 in the year under report. The license fees in the year under report amounted to Rs. 4,587 against Rs. 4,128 in the previous year.

(*e*) Thirty-six licenses at Rs. 5 for each license were issued to vendors of fresh Tari (date palm juice) during the year under report against 34 licenses issued in 1926-27 and Rs. 180 was realised as revenue under this head.

(*f*) Seventy-nine permits to chemists and druggists were granted during the year under report against sixty in the previous year. The license fees at Re. 1 each amounted to Rs. 79 against Rs. 60 of the previous year.

24. There were 11 cases instituted under the Excise Law during the year under report, of which 9 ended in conviction and 2 were pending at the close of the year.

25. Rupees 4,721-10-9 pies was received from the Government of Bengal during the year under report against Rs. 4,052-0-3 pies of the previous year on account of compensation for transfer to that Government of the Excise Administration of all the isolated Chhits of Cooch Behar Territory in Bengal.

SECTION III.—COURT OF WARDS.

26. *The Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—There were altogether 21 estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of the previous year. Of these one was released in the year under report but five more were added making a total of 25 estates under the management of the Court of Wards.

A comparative statement showing the current and arrear demands of estates as also the demands of Revenue and Rents due from them is given below :—

	1926-27.	1927-28.
	Rs.	Rs.
Current demand	1,91,057	1,95,340
Arrear demand	3,40,125	3,30,994
Total demand	5,31,182	5,26,334
Revenue and rents due to superior land-lords ...	1,30,432	1,29,913
Payment on account of revenue and rents to superior land-lords.	1,44,159	1,39,716

27. The following statement shows the receipts and disbursements of the estates for the year under report :—

Particulars of receipts.	Amount.	Particulars of disbursements.	Amount.
	Rs.		Rs.
Cash balance of 1926-27 after deduction of balance of the released estates ...	2,606	Payment of fees	14,390
		Revenue and rents	1,39,716
		Law charges	19,3[illegible]2
Rent collection including interest and Cess	1,85,987	Payment of debts	13,000
Collection of costs	11,619	Deposit in Bank	8,770
Deposits and advances	27,137	Advances and deposits refunded ...	63,263
Loans including interest and costs ...	2,215	Purchase of property	201
Deposits withdrawn from Banks ..	6,854	Payment to proprietors	11,293
Refunds and adjustments of advances ..	35,225	Ferry tolls	45
Miscellaneous	4,773	Miscellaneous	841
		Cash balance at the close of the year 1927-28	5,507
Total ...	2,76,416	Total ...	2,76,416

28. *Conduct of Officers.*—The Manager Srijut Pramatha Bhusan Chakravarti continued to work satisfactorily.

SECTION IV.—DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

29. During the year under report Maharajkumar Victor Nityendra Narayan sustained a sad loss in the death of his eldest son Kumar Nidhindra Narayan at an early age of 10 years from typhoid fever.

30. The total disbursements amounted to Rs. 57,537 against Rs. 62,357 of the previous year.

31. *Cooch Behar.*—The charges on account of cost of establishment were Rs. 12,373, on account of Pujas, etc., Rs. 31,634, on account of Dharmasala, Rs. 2,631, on account of other miscellaneous charges Rs. 9,350, against Rs. 12,002, Rs. 32,795, Rs. 2,277 and Rs. 12,127 reepectively of the previous year.

32. A silver Sinhasan for Sri Sri Bhawani Thakurani was under construction for which a sum of Rs. 3,216 had been provided. The work could not be finished owing to the death of the goldsmith to whom the work had been entrusted.

33. All the periodcal Pujas and Sradhs were duly performed. The Rash Mela, as usual, was a success.

34. During the year under report 60,124 people were fed at the Suddar Thakurbari and 1,794 persons took *Sidhas* from the Dharmasala against 59,837 and 1,967 repectively of the previous year.

35. The Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary continued to be popular. During the year under report 15,403 patients were treated by the State Kabiraj against 13,094 of the previous year. The daily average unmber of patients was 42·20 against 35·87 of the previous year. The Kabiraji garden in the town in which medicinal plants and herbs are grown was maintained as heretofore.

36. Twenty-five poor boys received educational stipends, of whom 13 were Cooch Beharis against 37 of the previous year, of whom 18 were Cooch Beharis. Five new stipendiaries were added to the list in the year under report of whom 4 were Cooch Beharis. The total amount disbursed for stipend to poor boys was Rs. 3,450 against Rs. 2,923 of the previous year. Of the stipendiaries two appeared at the last Matriculation Examination, one at the I. A., two at the B. A. and two at the B. Sc. Examinations during the year under report. Of these, one has passed the I. A. Examination in the First Division. The results of the other Examinations are not yet out. In the previous year (1926-27) three stipendiaries passed the I. Sc., Examination in the First Division of whom one stood first in the Cooch Behar Centre, two passed the B. Sc, Examination with distinction, two passed the B. A. Examination and one passed B. L. Examination.

37. The amounts disbursed by the Debutter Department on account of contribution to Religious and Public Institutions, Donations, Allowance to Rajgans, as well as allowance to Brahmins and others were Rs. 5,564, Rs. 10,358, Rs. 30,007 and Rs. 12,628, respectively against Rs. 7,612, Rs. 3,500, Rs 31,408 and Rs. 11,953, respectively of the previous year. As usual a sum of Rs. 400 was paid direct from the Treasury for free beds in the Lowis Jubilee Sanitarium in Darjeeling.

38. *Benares.*—The receipts from the sale-proceeds of the garden produce at Benares and house rents amounted to Rs. 715 against Rs. 815 of the previous year. The slight decrease is due to the fluctuations in house rents. The expenditure on account of establishment and other charges was Rs. 4,730 and Rs. 11,015, respectively against Rs. 3,903 and Rs. 13,955 respectively of the previous year. The number of persons who were fed at the Chhatra was 87,187 against 75,777 of the previous year showing an increase of 11,410.

39. *Brindaban.*—The State temple at Brindaban known as "The Maharaja of Cooch Behar's Brindban Kunja" was found by me to be in a dilapidated condition and the Regency Council have been pleased to sanction Rs. 5,500 for its thorough repairs and the necessary provision has been made in the Budget for the current year (1928-29). The Tadarakkars Gopilal Goswami and his brother, have been placed under suspension owing to their mismanagement of the affairs of the Brindaban temple.

SECTION V.—SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

40 Lt. Colonel W. G. Hutchinson, I.A., O.B.E., Vice-President, Regency Council, held charge of the Department till the 31st July 1927 when it was placed under my control on the conclusion of the Settlement operations and the reversion to Government service of Srijut Karali Charan Ganguli of the Bengal Civil Service who had been employed as Settlement Officer of the State. The Canoongoes whose services were lent by the Government of Bengal for the Settlement operations also all reverted to their permanent services before the 31st July 1927 and a Naib Ahilkar Srijut Himadriballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., who acquired some settlement training in Bengal has been placed in immediate charge of the department under my control.

41. *Important notifications.*—Under the order of the Regency Council dated the 11th August 1927 published in the State Gazette of the 22nd August 1927 the rate of cost of settlement operations was raised from annas 4 per bigha to annas 5 per bigha leviable from the Lakherajdars, Makraridars and others.

42. *Distribution of Terijes.*—Out of the Terijes and Maps of 2,08,183 interests which were sent for distribution to all Sub-divisions 66,843 copies of Terijes and 83,513 copies of maps were received back undistributed. The distribution work commenced in June and terminated in December 1927 and was carried out under the supervision of the Sub-divisional Officers in their respective Sub-divisions. Parties who had not filed settlement stamps in due time were required to submit them at the distribution camps together with the prescribed penalty before they were supplied with the Terijes and maps and Rs. 71,703-1 for stamps was realised on this account. There are still many interests for which requisite stamp fees have not yet been paid. Under Regency Council Notification dated the 18th December 1925 double the amount of stamp fees payable by the holders of these defaulting interests will be recovered under the Public Demands Recovery Act.

43. *Disposals of objections.*—Under Regency Council notifications dated the 8th July 1925 and 21st July 1927 possessors of agricultural holdings were given an opportunity to have bonafide mistakes in their Terijes corrected on their filing objections on 8 annas stamped papers within 2 years from the date of commencement of distribution of Terijes. This opportunity was fully availed of and 1,519 objections were filed during the year. Eight hundred forty-nine objections were heard and disposed of during the year of which 287 were allowed and 562 disallowed.

44. As the Ekwal Jamabandis in respect of the holdings situated in towns and Bunders had not been published the parties were allowed to file all kinds of objections within 30 days from the date of commencement of the distribution of the Terijes of the towns and Bunders in which the holdings affected were situated. 152 such objections were filed, of which 35 were disposed of during the year, the claims being allowed in 29 cases and disallowed in 6 cases.

45. *Office Work.*—Statements 1, 2, 3, appended, show the work done in office in different sections at head-quarters. Statement 4 shows the total number of objections filed and their results.

46. The staff of the Settlement Department have been reduced to 23 hands with effect from the 1st July 1927. A portion of the staff were employed in correcting bonafide mistakes in the final and draft records, on the orders passed in objection cases. The major portion of the staff were employed in preparing and compiling the different registers.

47. The draft records, the orginal and undistributed vandyked sheets and the undistributed Terijes were made over to the Malcutchery Record Room. Corrections of records according to Settlement records received from the Revenue Department continued to be done throughout the year under report.

Final Terijes and copies of vandyked sheets on stout papers were bound in volumes of leather and cloth and will be preserved in the Malcutchery Record Room.

48. *Agricultural statistics.*—The work of compilation of agricultural statistics which was left unfinished by the regular Settlement staff was taken up towards the close of the year. In the office 3,75,480 plots and their areas were entered in crop statement forms. 15 Amins under the supervision of an Inspector commenced field work on the 25th March 1928 and dealt with 47,408 plots up to the close of the year.

49. *Expenditure.*—The Budget Estimate under expenditure for the year under report was Rs. 60,755 and in the Revised it was Rs. 62,850. The actuals amounted to Rs. 60,452-0-11 pies leaving a surplus of Rs. 2,397-15-1 pie only.

Receipts.—Rupees 74,325 was realised in stamps, Rs. 539-1 in copying fees and Rs. 286-13-3 pies as miscellaneous receipt. The copying work was done by the paid staff.

SECTION VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

50. *Bunders.*—The total number of carts registered at the Bunder at Haldibari was 49,066 against 65,571 of the previous year showing a decrease of 16,505 carts. This decrease was mainly due to the decline of the jute business. The total amount of tolls collected from the carts at the rate of annas 2 per cart together with miscellaneous receipt of Rs. 13-12 declined to Rs. 6,147 from Rs. 8,212 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 2,065. The expenditure during the year under report was Rs. 1,607-6-4 pies against Rs. 1,530-0-10 pies of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 77-5-6 pies; which was mainly due to increments of pay earned by the parmanent establishment and partly to the purchase of some articles of furniture for the Haldibari Tehsil Office 29,853 maunds of tobacco, 2,586 maunds of jute and 2,580 maunds of paddy are reported to have been exported from the Calicaganj Bunder at Mathabhanga against 4,608 maunds of tobacco, 21,800 maunds of jute and 3,925 maunds of paddy at the previous year.

51. *Fairs.*—The total collections from the Barodhat, Fulbari and Changrabandha fairs amounted to Rs. 682 against Rs. 680 of the previous year. Annual fairs were held at Dinhata and Haldibari as usual and the collections from these fairs were made over to the local Town Committees. In the Sudder Sub-division there were three fairs of importance, namely, the Debibari Mela and Rash Mela of Cooch Behar town and the Gadadhar Mela in Taluk Ambari at the confluence of the Kaljani and Gadadhar rivers. But of these 3 fairs the former two were transferred to the Cooch Behar Town Committee with effect from the 1st July 1927 under the Council's orders. The income from the Gadadhar Mela, the Siva-ratri Mela at Baneswar and from the Baruni Snan Mela at Kalighat was Rs. 325, Rs. 95 and Rs. 20 respectively against Rs. 360, Rs. 101 and Rs. 23 respectively of the previous year.

52. *Cooch Behar Town.*—The current demand of Land Revenue of the town was Rs. 22,598 against Rs. 27,540 of the privious year showing a net decrease of Rs. 4,942 This figure is made up of a total increase of Rs. 4,851 and a total decrease of Rs 9,793 as detailed below :—

Particulars of increase.	Amount. Rs.	Particulars of decrease.	Amount. Rs.
Increase due to settlement of Khas lands ...	4	Decrease due to reduction of Mohana rate of the Jama	26
Increase due to inclusion in the area of town of no Jotes	52	Decrease due to acquisition of lands for public purposes	126
Increase due to new settlement	2,522	Decrease due to no bid Jotes ...	4
Increase due to Syrat collections... ...	1,273	Decrease due to exclusion of Towji No. 1094 from the Cooch Behar town to Sudder sub-division ...	4
		Decrease due to new settlement ...	792
		Decrease due to transfer of control of the Bhowaiganj Tehsil Cutchery from 1st July 1927	8,841
Total ...	4,851	Total ...	9,793

Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 3,692 the total demand was Rs. 26,290 out of wich Rs. 22,552 including an excess payment of Rs. 236 was collected and Rs. 19 was remitted during the year under report leaving a balance of Rs. 3,955 at the close of the year against Rs. 3,622 of the previous year. The revenue derived from the town was paid to the Town Committee, Cooch Behar.

I have the honor to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State,
Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. I.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year* 1927-28.

Name of Mehal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. P. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates..	8,152 4 9	6 9 7	8,158 14 4	8,100 10 7	6 9 7	8,107 4 2	.....	.....	.....	97 2 1	.....	97 2 1	45 7 11	.....	45 7 11
Estates not permanently settled ..	16,96,232 8 4	2,21,096 15 9	19,17,329 8 1	16,27,250 8 7	86,774 4 5	17,14,024 13 0	.....	3,892 11 6	3,892 11 6	78,484 5 2	1,30,429 15 10	2,08,914 5 0	9,502 5 5	.....	9,502 5 5
TOTAL ..	17,04,384 13 1	2,21,103 9 4	19,25,488 6 5	16,35,351 3 2	86,780 14 0	17,22,132 1 2	.....	3,892 11 6	3,892 11 6	78,581 7 3	1,30,429 15 10	2,09,011 7 1	9,547 13 4	.....	9,547 13 4
Syrat Mehals ..	1,45,360 5 10	90,982 3 2	2,36,342 9 0	1,04,623 12 0	35,662 6 7	1,40,286 2 7	532 0 0	666 1 9	1,198 1 9	40,261 12 0	54,458 7 1	94,620 3 1	57 2 2	4 12 3	61 14 5
GRAND TOTAL	(a) 18,49,745 2 11	(b) 3,12,085 12 6	21,61,830 15 5	17,39,974 15 2	1,22,443 4 7	(c) 18,62,418 3 9	532 0 0	4,858 13 3	(d) 5,390 13 3	1,18,843 3 3	1,84,788 6 11	3,03,631 10 2	9,604 15 6	4 12 3	9,609 11 9

EXPLANATIONS.

(a.)—The current demand for the year was Rs 18,49,745-2-11 against Rs 18,81,125-4-0 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs 88,442-13-0 and the gross decrease to Rs 1,19,822-14-1. There was thus a net Decrease of Rs. 31,380-1-1. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

		Rs. A. P.
1.	Increase due to re-settlement of Khas jotes	278 8 3
2.	Ditto re-settlement of relinquished jotes	100 2 2
3.	Ditto settlement of Khas lands	357 11 0
4.	Ditto settlement of Payasthi lands	887 15 7
5.	Ditto revisional settlement	82,112 11 5
6.	Ditto entry in the Touji of the jama kept in abyance..	3 15 9
7.	Ditto jote of the Town having been included within the Sudder Sub-division	5 13 0
8.	Ditto inclusion of 10 jotes within the Town area	51 8 0
9.	Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mehals	4,636 4 9
10.	Ditto settlement of a new Syrat	5 0 0
11.	Ditto settlement of one Excise shop	3 4 0
	Total ..	88,442 13 0

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year 3,11,350 5 11
Arrears brought forward in this statement 3,12,085 12 6

Increase mainly due to settlement with retrospective effect 735 6 7

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d.) Vide Council Office No. dated

DECREASE.

		Rs A. P
1.	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	275 4 6
2.	Ditto Jotes made Khash under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	657 15 1
3.	Ditto diluvion	571 10 1
4.	Ditto rectification of mistakes	891 0 3
5.	Ditto cancellation of the settlement of lands made twice over by mistake ..	2 15 0
6.	Ditto revisional settlement	1,00,197 15 11
7.	Ditto acquisition of lands	146 5 5
8.	Ditto cancellation of bad jotes	0 14 0
9.	Ditto deduction of Mohana rates	26 1 1
10.	Ditto jote of the town having been included within the Sudder Sub-division	4 11 5
11.	Ditto inclusion of 10 jotes within town area	27 1 8
12.	Ditto Falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals	14,951 11 11
13.	Ditto Haldibari toll collection	2,063 2 0
14.	Ditto a jote in Tufanganj Sub-division having been included within Government area.	6 1 9
	TOTAL ..	1,19,822 14 1
	Deduct increase ..	88,442 13 0
	Net decrease ..	31,380 1 1

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1927-1928.*

NAME OF MEHAL.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates.	32 15 4	.....	32 15 4	32 15 4	....	32 15 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled	1,55,076 15 11	10,498 4 1	1 65,575 4 0	1,52,250 12 1	3,743 6 8	1,55,994 2 9	.....	.....	.....	3,315 12 10	6,754 13 5	10,070 10 3	489 9 0	.....	489 9 0
TOTAL ..	1,55,109 15 3	10,498 4 1	1,65,608 3 4	1,52,283 11 5	3,743 6 8	1,56,027 2 1	.....	.....	.....	3,315 12 10	6,754 13 5	10,070 10 3	489 9 0	.....	489 9 0
Syrat Mehals	7,900 0 0	8,158 4 5	16,058 4 5	5,787 12 0	2,382 1 4	8,169 13 4	.....	.....	.....	2,112 4 0	5,776 3 1	7,888 7 1	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a) 1,63,009 15 3	18,656 8 6	1,81,666 7 9	1,58,071 7 5	6,125 8 0	(b) 1,61,196 15 5	.....	.....	.....	5,428 0 10	12,531 0 6	17,959 1 4	489 9 0	.....	489 9 0

EXPLANATIONS.

(a)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,63,009-15-3 against Rs. 1,61,254-4-11 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,755-10-4 which is chiefly due to revisional settlement of the State. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
1. Increase due to revisional Settlement	7,096 13 8
2. " " re-settlement of Syrat Mehals	2 0 0
Total ..	7,098 13 8
Deduct decrease ...	5,343 3 4
Net Increase ...	1,755 10 4

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
1. Decrease due to revisional Settlement	4,536 11 3
2. " " re-settlement of Syrat Mehals	803 2 8
3. " " acquisition of land for public purposes	3 0 0
4. " " Land made khas	0 5 5
Total ..	5,343 3 4

(b)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

H. L. KHASTGIR,

Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—*Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue, for the year 1927-28.*

Excisable Articles.	Demands.			Collections.			Remissions.	Balances.		
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.		Current.	Arrear.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Tax of Out-still shops antry spirit	1,06,622 0 0	....	1,06,622 0 0	1,06,622 0 0	....	1,06,622 0 0	....	....	....	....
Ditto Fresh date palm	180 0 0	....	180 0 0	180 0 0	....	180 0 0	....	....	....	....
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	444 0 0	....	444 0 0	444 0 0	....	444 0 0	....	....	....	....
Ditto denatured spirit shops ...	75 0 0	....	75 0 0	75 0 0	....	75 0 0	....	....	....	....
Duty on Ganja	92,161 4 0	....	92,161 4 0	92,161 4 0	....	92,161 4 0	....	....	....	....
Ditto Deficiency of weight	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Chemists and Druggists permits ...	79 0 0	....	79 0 0	79 0 0	....	79 0 0	....	....	....	....
Ditto Deficiency of excess of 2½ percent	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
License-fees of Ganja	55,625 0 0	....	55,625 0 0	55,601 0 0	....	55,601 0 0	....	24	....	24
Ditto of Opium „	4,587 0 0	....	4,587 0 0	4,587 0 0	....	4,587 0 0	....	....	....	....
Duty on O ium	42,458 0 0	....	42,458 0 0	42,458 0 0	....	42,458 0 0	....	....	....	....
Duty on Imported spirit	153 15 0	....	153 15 0	153 15 0	....	153 15 0	....	....	....	....
Miscellaneous collections	5,197 9 9	....	5,197 9 9	5,197 9 9	....	5,197 9 9	....	....	....	
TOTAL ...	3,07,582 12 9	....	3,07,582 12 9	3,07,558 12 9	....	3,07,558 12 9	....	24	....	24

H. L. KHASTGIR.

Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

1927-28.

SETTLEMENT STATEMENT No. I.—Drawing Section.

Serial No.	Item of work.	Sheets.
1.	Correction of 16″ original maps	106
2.	¼″ trace of the entire State prepared	1
3.	Miscellaneous traces prepared	24
4.	Correction of boundaries with British Territory according to Boundary Commissioner's maps.	36
5.	Number of sheets sent to the Bengal Drawing Office for final vandyke reproduction.	110
6.	Number of sheets of which final vandyked copies were received from the Bengal Drawing Office.	37,819
7.	1″ map of Parganas Sadar and Tufangunj received from the Bengal Drawing Office.	100
8	¼″ map of the entire State received from the Bengal Drawing Office	100
9.	4″ boundary maps of Parganas Dinhata and Tufangunj recevied from the Bengal Drawing Office.	135
10.	Corrections made on stout paper maps according to the orders in the Bandobasti Nathis received from the Revenue Department.	92

STATEMENT No. II.—Area Section.

		Sheets	Plots.
1.	Revised areas extracted and converted into local units.	66	847

STATEMENT No. III.—Terij Section.

1.	Terij writing	28,171 tenancies.
2.	Copying of Terij	34,889 ,,
3.	Extra copies of Terijes for co-sharers	4,884 ,,
4.	Comparison of Terij	1,60,417 ,,
5.	Preparation of plot-indexes	3,72,973 plots.
6.	Number of Terijes distributed	1,41,340 Copies.
7.	Making over of petitions for maps to Mâl record Room ...	1,68,923 Petitions.
8.	Making over of objections filed to Do. ...	52,413 objections.
9.	Making over Ekwals to Do. ...	1,718 Volumes.
10.	Making over Khasras and Khatians to Do. ...	5,677 ,,
11.	Making over of vandyked copies to Do. ...	22,834 Copies.
12.	Making over of Nathis of Appeal cases to Do. ...	332 Nathis.
13.	Making over of Terij Volumes to Do. ...	787 Volumes.
14.	Preparation of Jaigir Registers...	143 Registers.
15.	Copies of Jaigir Registers	286 ,,
16.	Comparison of Jaigir Register	143 ,,
17.	Preparation of Lakheraj Registers	566 ,,
18	Comparison of ,, ,, ...	235 ,,
19.	Preparation of Mokrari Register	252 ,,
20.	Comparison of ,, ,, ...	252 ,,
21.	Preparation of Jote Registers	25,669 Jotes.
22.	Copy of ,, ,, ...	25,669 ,,
23.	Comparison of ,, ,, ...	25,669 ,,
24.	Preparation of registers showing the amount of fees to be realised from the Lakherajdars and Mokararidars.	769 Interests.
25.	Preparation of registers of stamps to be realised. ...	39,266 Stamps.
26.	Correction of records according to Bandobasti Nathis received from the Revenue Department.	256 Nathis.
27.	Tamila of orders of cases regarding Terij correction ...	147 ,,
28.	Checking of stamps if they have properly been filed and also going through the distributed Terijes and Making systematic arrangements of the same.	58,860 Stamps.
29.	Filling up of columns of plots and areas in the Crop Statement forms.	3,75,480 Plots.

STATEMENT No. IV.—Case Work.

Nature of cases.	Number of cases. Pending at the close of the previous year.	Instituted during the year.	Total for disposal during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.
Objections ...	... ..	1,671	1,671	864	[illegible]

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer, of the State,
Cooch Behar.

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No. 269.

FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, ESQ., RAI BAHADUR, M. A.,

Revenue Officer of the Cooch Behar State,

In the Treasury Department.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT,

Regency Council, Cooch Behar.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 23rd June, 1928.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the working of the Cooch Behar Treasury during 1927-28.

2. The Department was under my control throughout the year but the immediate charge of the Treasury was held by Srijut Sidheswar Banerji, M.A.,B.L., under the supervision of Srijut Dakshinaranjan Dhar from the 1st April to the 27th May, 1927 and independently during the remainder of the year.

3. The year opened and closed with respective cash balances of Rs. 12,58,999 and Rs. 14,82,561 as shewn below:—

		Opening balance. Rs.	Closing balance. Rs.
Cooch Behar State	... ...	3,82,129	7,89,849
Funds and Deposits	... ..	996	39,432
Government ...	... ...	8,75 874	6,53,280
	Total ...	12,58,999	14,82,561

4. The total receipts and disbursements of the year amounted to Rs. 59,36,827 and Rs. 57,13,265 against Rs. 65,94,786 and Rs. 68,91,809 respectively in the previous year.

5. The total stamp revenue of the year under report amounted to Rs. 4,59,929-12-3 against Rs. 3,38,917-9-9 in the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 1,21,012-2-6 as shewn below:—

Kinds of stamps.	1926-27.	1927-28.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P.	
Judicial including Settlement Stamps.	2,01,513 0 0	2,55,976 8 0	54,463 8 0	.....	
Documentary ...	53,698 12 0	64,860 8 0	11,161 12 0	.....	
Court-fee ...	56,074 0 0	1,14,060 4 0	57,986 4 0	.....	
Copying-fee ...	6,854 8 0	7,009 8 0	155 0 0	.....	
Adhesive Stamps.	7,866 0 0	6,894 0 0	.....	972 0 0	
Embossed Do. ...	25 0 0	15 13 0	.....	9 3 0	
Cartridge paper ...	1,974 10 9	2,055 0 0	80 5 3	.....	
Service Stamp ...	10,365 12 0	8,480 10 0	.....	1,885 2 0	
Miscellaneous	545 15 0	577 9 3	31 10 3	.....	
Total ...	3,38,917 9 9	4,59,929 12 3	1,28,878 7 6	2,866 5 0	

6. Statement A hereto annexed shows the revenue from stamps of all kinds excepting Settlement stamps, collected in the different Sub-Treasuries.

7. The following table shows the sale of Settlement stamps during 1927-28 :—

Names of Sub-Divisions.	With Commission.	Without Commission.	Total.	Commission to vendors.	Net sale.
Sudder ...	16,129 0 0	.....	16,129 0 0	252 0 3	15,876 15 9
Dinhata ...	17,219 0 0	.....	17,219 0 0	269 0 9	16,949 15 3
Mathabhanga...	23,275 0 0	232 0 0	23,507 0 0	363 10 9	23,143 5 3
Mekligunj ...	2,106 8 0	.....	2,106 8 0	32 14 6	2,073 9 6
Tufangunj ...	3,973 0 0	178 0 0	4,151 0 0	62 1 3	4,088 14 9
Total ...	62,702 8 0	410 0 0	63,112 8 0	979 11 6	62,132 12 6

8. The total value of currency notes received into and issued from the Treasury was Rs. 1,20,50,500 and Rs. 1,19,00,500 respectively against Rs. 95,50,520 and Rs. 91,40,200 respectively of the previous year. There was thus an excess in the receipts and issues of Rs. 25,00,000 and Rs. 27,60, 30t respectively.

Character of Officer.—The Treasury Officer Srijut Sidheswar Banerji supervised the work of the Treasury efficiently and satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient, humble servant,
H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer,
In the Treasury Department,
Cooch Behar.

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1927-1928.

Names of Sub-divisions.	Judicial. With commission.	Judicial. Without commission.	Documentary. With commission.	Documentary. Without commission.	Court Fee. With commission.	Court Fee. Without commission.	Copying Fee. With commission.	Copying Fee. Without commission.	Miscellaneous. Fines & penalties.	Miscellaneous. Duty on unstamped papers.	Total.
	Rs. A.P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A	Rs. A. P
Sudder	61,115 0 0	8,867 0	16,291 0	2,884 0	30,572 0	....	2,463 0	....	392 8 0	120 7	1,23,104 15 0
Dinhata	37,244 0 0	220 0	12,190 0	80 0	28,586 8	....	1,394 0	....	5 0 0	0 8	79,720 0 0
Mathabhanga	44,777 0 0	988 0	16,092 8	145 0	34,604 0	....	1,966 0	....	5 0 0	0 8	98,638 0 0
Mekligunj	21,969 0 0	504 0	7,676 0	125 0	9,094 8	37 8	625 0	....	10 0 3	0 8	40,041 8 3
Tufangunj	17,042 0 0	138 0	9,373 0	4 0	10,505 0	200 12	561 8	....	40 0 0	3 2	37,867 6 0
Total ..	1,82,147 0 0	10,717 0	61,622 8	3,238 0	1,13,822 0	238 4	7,009 8	.....	452 8 3	125 1	3,79,371 13 3

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1927-28. (Continued)

Names of Sub-divisions.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	Adhesive Stamp. With commission.	Adhesive Stamp. Commission to vendors.	Adhesive Stamp. Net amount.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	2,377 14 0	1,20,727 1 0	2,571 0 0	160 11 0	2,410 5 0
Dinhata	1,676 13 3	78,043 2 9	1,125 0 0	70 5 0	1,054 11 0
Mathabhanga	1,581 10 9	96,656 5 3	1,416 0 0	88 8 0	1,327 8 0
Mekligunj	805 13 3	39,235 11 0	1,170 0 0	73 2 0	1,096 14 0
Tufangunj	789 15 3	37,077 6 9	612 0 0	38 4 0	573 12 0
Total ..	7,632 2 6	3,71,739 10 0	6,894 0 0	430 14 0	6,463 2 0

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1927-28. (Concluded)

Names of Sub-division.	Cartridge Stamp. With commission.	Cartridge Stamp. Commission to vendors.	Cartridge Stamp. Net amount.	Embossed stamp.	Service Postage Stamp.	Grand total of the gross amount.	Grand total of the net amount.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	675 0 0	42 3 0	632 13 0	15 13 0	8,480 10 0	1,34,847 0 0	1,32,366 10 0
Dinhata	540 0 0	33 12 0	506 4 0	....	.....	81,385 0 0	79,604 1 9
Mathabhanga	435 0 0	27 3 0	407 13 0	....	.....	1,00,489 0 0	98,391 10 3
Mekligunj	195 0 0	12 3 0	182 13 0	....	.....	41,406 8 3	40,515 6 0
Tufangunj	210 0 0	13 2 0	196 14 0	....	.....	38,689 6 0	37,848 0 9
Total ..	2,055 0 0	128 7 0	1,926 9 0	15 13 0	8,480 10 0	3,96,817 4 3	3,86,625 12 9

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State,
In the Treasury Department, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, ESQ., RAI BAHADUR, M.A.,
Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 14th July, 1928.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1927-28 together with the Annual Statements Nos. 1 to 11.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., was in charge of the office of the Civil and Sessions Judge up to 30th November, 1927, when he retired and was succeeded by Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B.L., who remained in charge for the remaining period of the year.

The following table shows the names of the officers who held charge of the Subordinate Judicial appointments during the year under review :—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Srijut Nagendra Prosad Ray, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	„ Himadribullabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 4th January 1928.
Tufangunj ...	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 3rd January 1928 and from 23rd to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 5th January to 22nd March 1928.
Dinhata ...	„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 16th October 1927 and from 16th November 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 17th October to 15th November 1927.
Do. ...	„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 4th January 1928.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 5th January to 31st March 1928.
Mathabhanga	Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 24th April 1927 and from 9th June 1927 to 31st March 1928.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 25th April to 8th June 1927.
Mekliganj ...	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1927 to 31st March 1928.

3. *Institution of original suits.*—The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shown below :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1924-25	1,646	7,584	1,597	10,827
1925-26	1,659	7,520	1,478	10,657
1926-27	1,730	7,301	1,482	10,513
1927-28	1,930	7,360	1,439	10,729

The increase of 216 suits in the year under report as compared with the previous year falls mainly under Civil suits.

4. *Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.*—The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions of suits in each of the Courts in the State :—

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge	6	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge	34	.....	.....	110	.....	14
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Officer	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar (S. Banerjee) ...	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar (A. Hossein)	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	156	.....	.....	15	8	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	33	.....	410	.....	49	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	4	.....	36	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	.....	21	.....	121	.....	43
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	.....	13	.....	167	.....	43
Total ...	235	35	473	414	57	100

5. *Classification of suits.*—It will be seen from the Statement No. 2 that out of a total of 10 729 suits, 2,662 were suits on bonds and other obligations, rent not falling under the rent law, movable property or value thereof and damages, 7,360 were Rent suits, 702 concerned land and other immovable property and 5 related to matrimonial rights.

6 *Execution cases.*—The number of applications for execution of decrees filed during the last four years is shown in the statement given below :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1924-1925	1,254	5,363	801	7,418
1925-1926	1,213	5,035	860	7,103
1926-1927	1,269	4,481	788	6,538
1927-1928	1,311	4,578	752	6,641

The number of applications filed during the year under report shows an increase of 103 as compared with the previous year.

7. *Miscellaneous cases.*—The number of miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below :—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1926-27	1927-28.	1926-27	1927-28.
Civil	434	430	3	1
Rent	772	879	53	59
Small Cause Court	91	86	.....	.....
Total ...	1,297	1,395	56	60

8. *Certificate cases.*—The number of applications for Certificates of Guardianship under Act VII of 1921 was 36, against 25 of the previous year showing an increase of 11 only and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 33 against 49 of the previous year showing a decrease of 16 only.

9. *Probate cases.*—The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 15 against 13 of the previous year showing an increase of 2 only.

10. *Institution of suits in Subordinate Courts.*—The following table shows the number of institutions of original suits in each of the Subordinate Courts :—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	2,635
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,214
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	2,946
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	2,553
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	1,173

11. *Disposal of suits.*—The disposal of original suits in the State during the last four years is shown in the statement given below :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1924-1925	1,655	7,934	1,621	11,210
1925-1926	1,583	7,325	1,435	10,343
1926-1927	1,807	7,306	1,484	10,597
1927-1928	1,751	7,348	1,469	10,568

The total number of original suits disposed of shows a decrease of 29 as compared with the previous year.

12. *Disposal in Subordinate Courts.*—According to the number of disposals the Subordinate Courts are arranged in the following order ;—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	2,123
(2.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1,742
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,491
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1,242
(5.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	1,182
(6.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	1,144
(7.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,045
(8.)	Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar ...	345
(9.)	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, Naib Ahilkar.	191
(10.)	Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	20

13. *Contested Suits.*—The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits in the State during the last four years :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1924-1925	181	301	111	593
1925-1926	183	271	88	542
1926-1927	276	235	98	609
1927-1928	196	227	129	552

The total number of contested suits decided was 552 being a little above one-nineteenth of the entire number of suits disposed of.

The disposals of contested suits by each Subordinate Court are shown below :—

(1.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 108

(2.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 87

(3.) Assistant Civil Judge 86

(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 84

(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj 78

(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj 47

(7.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 44

(8.) Siddheswar Banarjee, Naib Ahilkar... 9

14. *Average duration of suits.*—The table given below shows the average duration of suits in Subordinate Courts :—

Names of Courts.	Civil Suits.		Rent Suits.		Small Cause Court Suits.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge	5 17	1 20	3 7	1 2	0 28	0 19
Naib Ahilkar (S. Banerjee) ...	5 28	1 26	2 15	1 13	.....	.....
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar (A. H. Pradhan) ...	.....	1 22	.....	1 21	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	6 19	2 27	3 24	1 20	.....	1 15
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	7 15	2 11	5 19	2 12	2 20	1 16
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	8 0	3 15	4 7	2 4	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	5 9	2 22	3 14	1 22	2 2	1 17
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	4 24	3 7	6 15	1 21	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	4 4	1 14	3 22	1 20	1 13	0 22

The duration was longest in the Court of the Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata and shortest in that of the Assistant Civil Judge.

15. *Value of suits.*—Out of the total number of original suits disposed of 126 were for claims not exceeding Rs. 5 in value; 1,451 or a little over one-eighth were for claims exceeding Rs. 5 but not exceeding Rs 20; 3,055 or a little less than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 2,797 or a little above one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100: 2,921 or a little above one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 175 were for claims exceeding

Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000; 41 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000; 2 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000.

16. *Pending suits.*—The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 1864 against 1703 of the previous year showing an increase of 161. Of the number pending 62 were more than six months old against 33 of the previous year. There was no suit pending over one year.

17. *Summary procedure.*—The Assistant Civil Judge, the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekliganj tried Small Cause Court Suits valued at Rs. 100 and less and the Naib Ahilkar of Tufanganj up to Rs. 20 in value in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Courts Act.

18. *Disposal of Execution cases.*—The table given below shows the disposal of execution cases during the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1924-1925	1,241	5,322	789	7,352
1925-1926	1,209	5,274	850	7,333
1926-1927	1,272	4,539	773	6,584
1927-1928	1,287	4,585	781	6,653

The total number of execution cases disposed of shows an increase of 69 as compared with the previous year.

19. *Disposal of Miscellaneous cases.*—The table given below shows the disposal of miscellaneous cases during the last two years :—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1926-27.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1927-28.
Civil	415	430	3	1
Rent	826	879	55	59
Small Cause Court	95	86	...	...
Total ...	1,336	1,395	58	60

20. *Local Enquiry.*—Ninety-eight cases required local enquiry during the year against 68 of the previous year. 88 cases were enquired into against 66 of the previous year. 1 case was returned without enquiry for want of necessary papers. 9 cases remained pending at the close of the year against 1 of the previous year. The amount of Ameen's fee realised was Rs. 1,482 against Rs. 870 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 612 and Rs. 102-8 was realised on account of fees for service of notices issued by the Civil Court Amin against Rs. 54-8 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 48.

21. *Work of the Civil Judge's Court.*—The table given below shows the work in the Court of the Civil Judge for the last three years :—

YEARS.	Original Suits.				Execution cases.				Miscellaneous cases.			
	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1925-1926	23	50	57	16	33	71	67	37	21	93	102	12
1926-1927	16	45	51	10	37	62	76	23	12	98	89	21
1927-1928	10	50	43	17	23	72	59	36	21	104	97	28

22. *Appeals.*—The following table shows the total number of Regular and Miscellaneous appeals preferred in the Court of the Civil Judge during the last three years :—

1925-26	87
1926-27	103
1927-28	133

(*a*) The results of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1925-1926	113	42	20	9	21	21
1926-1927	124	81	19	6	35	33
1927-1928	166	60	28	10	48	25

(*b*) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers :—

Names of Judicial Officers.	Details of disposal.							REMARKS.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.	Total disposed of.	
Srijut Nagendra Prosad Ray, B.L. ...	5	3	...	8	1	...	17	
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L. ...	14	3	...	3	...	...	20	
,, Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L.	4	...	...	...	1	...	5	
,, Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L. ...	13	3	...	9	3	...	28	
,, Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L. ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
,, Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
,, Himadribullabh Biswas M.A., B.L.,	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	
,, Nagendra Nath Ray, B.L.	6	...	1	3	...	...	10	
,, Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L. ...	9	9	3	11	3	...	35	
,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L. ...	7	5	5	3	1	...	21	
,, Siddeswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L. ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Moulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L. ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Total ...	60	23	10	38	10	...	141	

23. *Financial results.*—The receipts and disbursements are shown under the several heads :—

RECEIPTS.

I. *Stamp duty.*—The table givin below shows the receipts under the head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1924-1925	1,66,963
1925-1926	1,59,054
1926-1927	1,55,858
1927-1928	1,63,309

The increase of Rs. 7,951 is due to increase in the number of institutions of cases.

II. *Process-fees.*—The amount of process-fees &c., realised during the year was Rs. 37,994 against Rs. 36,571 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,423.

III. *Fines and Forfeitures.*—The amount realised during the year was Rs. 1,182 against Rs. 926 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 256.

IV. *Ameen's fees.*—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years:—

1924-1925	1,015
1925-1926	805
1926-1927	870
1927-1928	1,585

V. *Other receipts including Copying fees.*—These amounted to Rs. 6,585 against Rs. 5,946 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 639.

The total receipts under the above heads amounted to Rs. 2,11,155 against Rs. 2,00,171 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 10,984.

DISBURSEMENST.

I. *Salary.*—The salary of Judicial officers amounted to Rs. 18,213 against Rs. 17,577 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 636.

II. *Establishment Charges.*—The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 22,667 against Rs. 20,916 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,751.

III. *Process-servic*—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 15,619 against Rs. 13,826 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,793.

IV. *Contingencies.*—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 7,582 against Rs. 7,457 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 125.

V. *Ameen's Establishment.*—The cost under this head amounted to Rs. 1,576 against Rs. 1,432 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 144.

VI. *Unforeseen.*—A sum of Rs. 320 was spent under this head during the year under report.

The total expenditure was Rs. 65,977 against Rs. 61,560 of the previous year.

The net receipts of the Civil Department amounted therefore to Rs. 1,45,178 against Rs. 1,38,611 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 6,567.

24. *Copying Department*—The total amount of copying fees realised during the year was Rs. 5,857 against Rs. 5,517 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 340. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 2,817 was credited to the State and the balance, Rs. 3,040 was distributed among the Copyists.

The following table shows the number of Copyists emyloyed in each Court with the average monthly income of each Copyist:—

Names of Courts.	No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.	Remarks.
			Rs. A. P.	
Sudder	4	1	21 7 3½	
Tufangunj	1	.....	20 3 0	
Dinhata	2	1	29 1 11	
Mathabhanga	2	1	33 10 11	
Mekliganj	1	1	21 11 6	

25. *Records.*—During the year under report records of 16,256 cases were received in the Sudder Record-room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.	Remarks.
Civil Judge	205	60	265	Civil Original suits ... 41 Civil Appeals ... 33 Civil Miscellaneous ... 88 Civil Execution ... 43 Rent Original Suits... 6 Rent Appeals ... 89 Rent Miscellaneous ... 2 Rent Execution ... 13 Total ... 265 From April 1924 to March 1925.
Assistant Civil Judge ...	594	2,829	3,423	From April 1925 to March 1926.
Treasury Officer	9	22	31	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	7	160	167	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	338	1,224	1,562	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ...	414	2,528	2,942	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	343	2,400	2,743	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	152	1,250	1,402	
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	660	1,034	1,694	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	297	1,730	2,027	

26. *Character.*—All the Subordinate Judicial Officers as well as the Ministerial staff worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness'
Most obedient servant,
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Judicial Member, Regency Council,
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CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles.	Population.
Sudder Sub-division	Kotwali Station ...	284	1,32,334
Tufangunj ditto	Fulbari ditto ...	223	82,943
Dinhata ditto	Dinhata ditto ...	269	1,48,183
Mathabhanga ditto	Mathabhanga Station Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P.	334	1,41,342
Mekligunj ditto	Mekligunj Station...	197	87,634

(B)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

Civil.		Rent.		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	13	1	13	28

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

Courts.	Receipts.						Charges.						
	Stamps (1)	Process fees. (2)	Fines and forfeitures.	Amount's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	TOTAL.	Salary of Judicial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving	Contingent (4)	Amount's Establishment.	Unforeseen.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Civil Judge's Court ...	15,067 7 3	1,504 12 0	3 8 0	102 8 0	2,243 0 4	18,921 3 7	7,650 0 0	6,590 14 1	9,708 12 1	4,972 2 5	1,575 8 8	320 0 0	30,817 5 3
Sudder Subordinate Courts	30,941 12 3	8,050 4 0	.....	511 8 0	.....	39,503 8 3	4,800 0 0	4,593 0 7	.....	116 6 0	.....	.....	9,509 6 7
Toofangunj Courts ...	18,261 1 0	3,590 12 0	191 13 9	237 8 0	254 14 0	22,536 0 9	933 5 4	2,224 5 1	1,173 13 0	351 11 6	.....	.....	4,683 2 11
Dinhata „ ...	38,201 15 3	10,737 4 0	168 8 3	279 8 0	1,413 8 7	50,800 12 1	1,600 0 0	3,665 13 0	1,611 13 1	793 10 9	.....	.....	7,671 4 10
Mathabhanga „ ...	41,665 4 3	9,673 8 0	683 8 9	458 8 0	2,035 12 10	54,561 9 10	2,253 5 4	3,497 12 7	1,756 10 2	958 4 4	.....	.....	8,466 0 5
Mekliganj „ ...	19,671 10 6	4,437 0 0	134 15 9	.....	588 4 0	24,831 14 3	975 13 4	2,095 6 1	1,368 3 10	390 2 7	.....	.....	4,829 9 10
Total ...	1,63,869 2 6	37,993 8 0	1,182 6 6	1,584 8 0	6,585 7 9	2,11,155 0 9	18,212 8 0	22,667 3 5	15,619 4 2	7,582 5 7	1,575 8 8	320 0 0	65,976 13 10

(1) This includes searching fees and fees for information.
(2) This includes sale-fees.
(3) This includes witness' diet-money, copying fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c., &c.
(4) This includes remuneration to copyists travelling and Ticca Mohurers' pay &c., &c.

		Rs. A. P.
Receipts	...	2,11,155 0 9
Charges	...	65,976 13 10
Balance	...	1,45,178 2 11

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 2.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1927-28.

COURTS.	Suits of the Small Cause Court class.																Other Civil Suits.									Rent Suits.							
	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received and contribution.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent law.		Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	For delivery of patcha and kobuliyata.	For damages for illegal eviction of ryot and withholding of receipts.	For enhancement and abatement of rents.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a ryot or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	In exercise of power of distraint.	Against agent for money and paper.	Total.
	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.																			
Civil Judge	...	5	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	...	11	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	50
Assistant Civil Judge	147	...	12	...	18	...	14	...	6	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	7	...	94	2	95	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	1,749	...	...	...	...	2,118
Malcupchery Naib Ahilkar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Srijut S. Banerjee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	15
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, Naib Ahilkar.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
Naib Ahilkar, Toofanganj	309	...	29	...	53	...	14	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	9	...	27	...	74	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	624	...	...	...	...	1,176
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	80	...	3	...	41	...	63	...	11	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	92	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,303	...	...	...	...	2,624
Additional Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	3	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	...	...	...	...	66
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	149	...	8	...	7	...	23	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	17	...	7	...	171	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,718	...	...	...	...	2,110
Additional Naib Ahilkar do.	4	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	71
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj	57	...	4	...	8	...	12	...	6	...	6	...	4	...	3	...	2	...	58	...	...	13	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	842	...	...	...	...	1,014
Total	749	5	59	1	131	4	132	...	53	...	27	...	8	...	27	...	26	1	484	4	185	15	6	6	5	1	1	...	4	...	7,356	...	...	...	...	9,290
Small Cause Court Suits up to Rs. 100.																																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	327	...	20	...	58	...	1	...	53	...	1	...	11	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	477
Naib-Ahilkar, Toofanganj	22	...	7	...	7	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Ditto, Dinhata	146	...	4	...	28	...	11	...	105	...	21	...	1	...	39	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	329
Ditto, Mathabhanga	277	...	23	...	16	...	2	...	51	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	443
Ditto, Mekliganj	94	...	4	...	23	...	1	...	19	...	9	...	7	...	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	159
Total	866	...	68	...	132	...	15	...	221	...	33	...	20	...	49	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,439
Grand Total	1,615	5	127	1	263	4	147	...	274	...	60	...	28	...	76	...	61	1	484	4	185	15	6	6	5	1	1	...	4	...	7,356	...	...	...	...	10,729

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

CIVIL COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitration	CONTESTED. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	CONTESTED. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS. Contested.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS. Uncontested.
																				m. d.	m. d.
CIVIL.																					
Civil Judge	8	46	...	54	...	..	1	1	2	1	23	...	...	5	4	37	17	3	...	5 28	2 13
Assistant Civil Judge	73	406	1	480	42	...	47	4	46	83	124	..	...	18	1	323	115	14	...	5 17	1 20
Srijut S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	9	...	35	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	8	...	28	16	...	...	5 28	1 26
Moulvi A. H. Prodhan, Naib Ahilkar ...	1	...	17	18	10	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	1 22
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	49	551	...	600	1	...	111	...	44	38	186	...	...	41	20	440	159	12	...	6 19	2 27
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	44	321	...	365	222	...	11	1	1	17	48	4	..	13	5	100	43	5	...	7 15	2 11
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	51	17	222	290	...	...	20	1	18	44	90	14	...	17	11	215	75	11	...	8 0	3 15
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	65	392	2	459	225	...	34	...	21	31	96	1	...	12	7	202	32	...	...	5 9	2 22
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	46	25	225	296	2	...	61	7	31	25	83	...	...	18	4	235	59	...	...	4 24	3 7
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	31	172	...	203	...	...	30	...	11	3	80	...	...	9	3	163	40	1	...	4 4	1 14
TOTAL ...	377	1,930	502	2,809	502	...	318	14	174	272	758	19	...	141	55	1,751	556	46	...	.....	...
RENT COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	2	4	...	6	...	...	..	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	3 22
Assistant Civil Judge ...	154	1,752	19	1,925	419	...	250	1	88	47	525	...	...	42	...	1,314	192	...	...	3 7	1 2
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	18	2	...	20	...	...	4	...	1	4	11	...	..	...	.	20	...	...	...	...	1 15
Srijut S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	54	15	275	344	...	...	74	...	22	63	154	...	...	1	...	317	27	...	...	2 15	1 13
Moulvi A. H. Prodhan, Naib Ahilkar ...	35	4	222	261	78	...	28	...	11	58	36	...	..	..	...	183	...	...	...	...	1 21
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	63	625	...	688	19	...	64	...	79	180	232	...	...	16	1	572	97	2	...	3 24	1 2
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	241	2,303	...	2,544	1,504	...	76	1	54	163	495	...	...	22	6	817	223	9	...	5 19	2 12
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	2 2	49	1504	1,05	...	...	141	1	148	236	942	...	...	51	8	1,527	278	4	...	4 7	2 4
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	174	1,718	...	1,892	978	...	71	1	45	272	404	..	...	33	...	825	83	1	...	3 14	1 22
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	111	46	978	1,135	.	...	106	...	106	202	511	...	...	20	2	947	188	...	...	6 15	1 21
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	78	842	...	920	...	...	95	2	95	168	434	...	...	20	5	810	110	...	...	3 22	1 2
TOTAL ...	1,182	7,360	2,998	11,540	2,998	...	910	6	619	1,706	3,800	...	...	205	22	7,348	1,194	16	...	.....	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge	22	477	...	499	...	...	116	5	1	154	184	1	...	25	...	486	13	...	...	0 28	0 19
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1	38	...	39	...	...	10	...	2	...	21	...	...	..	...	33	6	...	...	...	1 15
Ditto, Dinhata	45	322	...	367	...	...	57	1	13	67	140	...	...	30	8	325	42	...	...	2 20	1 16
Ditto, Mathabhanga	59	443	...	502	...	...	112	1	13	13	177	...	1	46	10	433	39	...	...	2 2	1 17
Ditto, Mekligunj	17	159	...	176	...	...	43	..	5	41	60	...	...	9	1	162	14	...	...	1 13	0 2.
TOTAL ...	144	1,439	...	1,583	...	...	341	7	34	365	591	1	1	110	19	1,499	114	...	...	.....	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,703	10,729	3,500	15,932	3,500	...	1,569	27	857	2,393	5,149	20	1	453	96	12,568	1,864	62	...	.....	...

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year **1927-1928.**

Value of suits.	Civil suits.								Rent suits.								Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 100.						Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Naib Ahilkars, Sudder.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Naib Ahilkars, Sudder.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	...	...	...	1	...	.....	...	1	...	14	5	7	80	4	14	124	.	...	...	1	...	1	126
Ditto „ 20 ...	...	12	4	15	4	20	...	55	...	181	68	85	508	179	109	1,130	104	33	48	58	23	266	1,451
Ditto „ 50 ...	...	19	2	163	13	46	4	247	...	452	162	194	770	437	201	2,216	202	...	123	197	70	592	3,055
Ditto „ 100 ...	...	44	4	118	28	30	11	235	...	366	164	151	543	527	201	1,952	180	...	154	207	69	610	2,797
Ditto „ 500 ...	...	202	26	140	258	326	139	1,091	...	283	121	130	433	591	272	1,830	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2,921
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	...	46	...	3	12	15	9	85	...	18	...	5	10	35	22	90	...	...	...	...	...	.....	175
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	35	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	35	6	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	6	...	...	...	...	...	.....	41
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	2	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2
Ditto „ 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Exceeding „ 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Total ...	37	323	36	140	315	437	163	1,751	6	1,314	520	572	2,344	1,773	819	7,348	486	33	325	463	162	1,469	10,568

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-28.

Civil Courts.	Application to execute Decrees.				Applications disposed of.			Transferred.	Pending.			Possession.	Nature and number of cases in which coercive process issued.							Application for insolvency.	
													Against the person.		Moveable property.		Immoveable property.				
	Pending at the beginning of year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decrees wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	Total.		More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.		Arrest.	Imprisonment.	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	Orders under Order XXI, Rule 22, Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
Civil.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	21	65	.....	86	30	23	53	..	5	4	33	2	2	2	2		3	2	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	87	28	.....	317	107	187	294	..	10	.....	73	13	27	2	55	106	101	11	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Officer	2	2	.....	4	.....	4	4	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar, ...	2	.....	.....	2	.....	1	1	..	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sjt. S. Banerji, Naib Ahilkar	.....	14	.....	14	.....	7	7	..	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	38	245	.....	283	73	149	222	..	6	.....	61	27	30	.....	153	13	26	42	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	51	128	.....	179	38	101	139	...	8	.....	40	12	25	1	120	4	33	18	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	37	97	.....	134	33	61	94	...	8	.....	37	7	13	.....	44	3	13	14	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	46	195	.....	241	73	116	189	...	6	.....	52	16	54	1	165	3	42	28	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	83	164	.....	247	69	98	167	...	1	.....	35	14	34	.....	134	4	28	21	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	24	116	.....	140	42	72	114	..	3	.....	23	24	5	1	37	2	22	19	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	311	1,311	.....	1,652	471	816	1,287	..	47	4	335	118	199	7	715	135	271	155	.....	.....	.....
Rent.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	2	7	.....	9	3	3	6	..	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	240	920	.....	1,160	384	554	938	...	18	.....	222	32	28	2	442	28	392	382	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Officer	11	2	.....	13	5	8	13	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	2	20	.....	22	9	7	16	..	.....	.....	6	1	3	.....	12	2	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	.....	12	.....	12	6	4	10	...	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....
S. S. Banerji, Naib Ahilkar	.....	89	22	111	32	41	73	...	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	20	18	.....	.....	.....
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Pradhan, Naib Ahilkar.	.....	40	.....	40	7	11	18	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	18	18	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	69	329	.....	398	214	104	318	...	5	.....	81	20	6	.....	145	5	187	186	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	278	552	.....	830	279	325	604	...	57	4	225	65	63	.....	555	6	331	189	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	270	810	.....	1,080	345	435	780	..	80	6	330	93	76	.....	668	1	482	183	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	137	647	...	784	380	283	663	...	6	.....	121	8	59	.....	550	6	315	170	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	164	671	.....	835	363	342	705	...	8	.....	130	5	75	.....	609	8	340	182	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	89	479	.....	568	259	212	471	...	7	1	97	74	3	.....	187	5	253	136	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1,262	4,578	22	5,862	2,287	2,249	4,535	22	181	11	1,255	298	313	2	3,183	61	2,333	1,478	.....	.....	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	18	239	.....	257	19	212	231	...	.....	.....	26	.....	35	.....	137	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	2	13	.....	15	2	11	13	..	.....	.....	2	.....	6	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinhata	54	173	.....	227	17	178	195	...	.....	.....	32	.....	23	.....	194	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mathabhanga	44	261	.....	305	32	242	274	...	.....	.....	31	.....	72	1	25	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekligunj	11	66	.....	77	14	54	68	...	.....	.....	9	.....	9	.....	32	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	129	752	.....	881	84	697	781	...	.....	.....	100	.....	145	4	398	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ...	1,732	6,641	22	8,395	2,841	3,812	6,653	22	228	15	1,720	416	657	10	4,296	209	2,654	1,633	.....	.....	.....

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 6.

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	Disposed of. Contested.	Disposed of. Uncontested.	Disposed of. TOTAL.	Transferred.	Pending. More than six months.	Pending. More than 12 months.	Total pending.	Average duration of cases. Contested. M. D.	Average duration of cases. Uncontested. M. D.	REMARKS.
Civil														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	21	104	.....	125	15	82	97	.....	.....	.....	28	4 0	2 21	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	22	65	.....	87	3	71	74	.....	.....	.....	13	2 22	1 17	
Sjt. S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar ..	.....	3	.....	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	4 1	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	16	45	.....	61	4	39	43	.....	4	.....	18	2 2	1 16	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	10	27	.....	37	8	17	25	.....	1	.....	12	6 18	2 10	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	7	35	.....	42	8	20	28	.....	.....	.....	14	6 3	3 3	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	17	56	.....	73	13	50	63	.....	.....	.....	10	3 11	2 12	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	8	55	.....	63	11	38	49	.....	.....	.....	14	4 5	2 29	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguni ...	8	40	.....	48	2	38	40	.....	.....	.....	8	5 10	1 18	
Total ...	109	430	.....	539	64	356	420	.....	5	.....	119	.....	.....	
Rent.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	53	197	.....	250	2	217	219	.....	.....	.....	31	2 11	1 17	
Treasury Officer ...	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 28	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 18	
Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	2	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 5	
Sjt. S. Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	24	5	29	.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	1 7	
Moulvi Ahmed Hossain, Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	10	.....	10	.....	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	7	44	.....	51	3	39	42	.....	.....	.....	9	3 28	1 26	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	24	89	.....	113	20	67	87	.....	1	.....	26	4 27	2 5	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	25	109	.....	134	4	78	82	.....	1	.....	52	4 0	3 27	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	31	152	.....	183	10	155	165	.....	.....	.....	18	2 27	1 13	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ..	19	153	.....	172	5	143	148	.....	.....	.....	24	3 23	1 18	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguni ...	17	97	.....	114	4	74	78	.....	1	.....	36	3 0	1 20	
Total ...	178	879	5	1,062	48	804	852	5	3	.....	225	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.														
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	3	21	.....	24	.....	21	21	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	0 26	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 24	
Ditto. Dinhata ...	1	29	.....	30	.....	22	22	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	1 7	
Ditto. Mathabhanga ...	5	32	.....	37	4	29	33	.....	.....	.....	4	1 22	1 3	
Ditto. Mekliguni ...	1	4	.....	5	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	1	1 14	1 4	
TOTAL ...	11	86	.....	97	5	76	81	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	
GRAND TOTAL ...	298	1,395	5	1,693	117	1,236	1,353	5	8	.....	340	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending at the beginning of year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Disposed of.								Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Order XLI, Rule 22, of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS.
					Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.						
Civil Side	16	53	.....	69	.....	2	.....	5	11	34	8	60	9	.....	.....	3	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous side.	4	23	.....	27	.....	1	.....	.....	3	10	10	24	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	20	76	.....	96	.....	3	.....	5	14	44	18	84	12	.....	.....	3	.....	
Rent side	6	16	.....	22	.....	1	.....	5	7	5	2	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous ...	7	41	.....	48	.....	6	.....	.....	2	11	18	37	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	13	57	.....	70	.....	7	.....	5	9	16	20	57	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Grand Total ...	33	133	.....	165	.....	10	.....	10	23	60	38	141	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

Nature of Case.	CIVIL.														RENT.														SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs 100.												Remarks.
	Civil Judge		Sudder Subordinate Courts.		Toofanganj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Civil Judge.		Sudder Subordinate Courts.		Toofanganj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Sudder.		Toofanganj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		
	Instituted.	Disposed	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	
1. Application to receive and review suits.	3	2	29	31	23	27	38	32	80	77	30	31	203	203	..	..	120	123	17	17	120	111	139	144	47	35	443	436	20	20	..	1	24	21	30	30	4	3	78	75	
2. Claims and objections ..	...	...	3	6	14	7	15	11	7	10	5	4	44	38	..	...	1	1	3	1	6	9	5	7	4	7	19	25	..	...	..	.	5	1	2	2	..	..	7	3	
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	9	7	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	9	7	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	
4. Pauper applications ...	4	4	4	4	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	8	8	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	
5. Suits under Act VII of 1921	36	29	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	36	29	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	33	37	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	33	37	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	
7. Probate cases.. ...	15	15	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	15	15	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	
8. Other miscellaneous suits ..	4	3	32	31	8	9	9	10	24	25	5	5	82	83	..	...	114	120	24	24	72	49	161	162	46	36	417	391	1	1	...	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	
9. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature	1	1	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	1	1	..	...	13	15	5	10	27	31	12	16	2	2	59	74	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	
TOTAL ...	105	98	68	75	45	43	62	53	111	112	40	40	431	421	..	..	248	265	49	52	225	200	317	329	99	80	938	926	21	21	...	1	29	22	32	32	4	4	85	81	

Non-Judicial.

Total Instituted	...	60
Total Disposed of	...	75
Total Pending	...	1

Judicial.

Total Instituted	...	1,295
Total Disposed of	..	1,353
Total Pending	...	340

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 9.

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1927-1928.

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Cooch Behar.				
CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE'S OFFICE.				
Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., Civil and Sessions Judge.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Bishnu Charan Majumdar, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
,, Bhabesh Chandra Banerjee, 2nd Clerk	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
,, Ramani Mohan Chakravarti, Peshkar	Chukani in Sudder ...	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
,, Kishori Ranjan Ray, Record-keeper.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Kumud Bandhu Sarkar, Bakiat Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Priya Nath Ghosh, Execution Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Basanta Kumar Bhattacharjee, Comparing Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Satis Chandra Das Gupta, Nazir...	.....	.....	.....	
Munshi Aftab Uddin Khandakar, Naib Nazir.	.....	.....	.....	
ASSISTANT CIVIL JUDGES' OFFICE.				
Srijut Nogendra Prosad Roy, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Tufangunj.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
Srijut Anukul Chandra Das, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ..	.....	.....	
,, Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee, Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
,, Gopal Chandra Dey, Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
,, Mohim Chandra Laskar, Clerk ...	Jote & Chukani in Sudder.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
,, Uma Nath Pal, Clerk ...	Chukani in Sudder ...	Ditto.	.....	
,, Debendra Nath Barua, Clerk ...	A Jote in Sudder ...	.....	.....	
,, Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Clerk ..	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
Tufangunj.				
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi B. L., Naib Abilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
,, Pran Nath Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
,, Gagan Sing Kumar, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	2 houses in the town...	.....	.....	
Kumar Pushpendra Narayan, 3rd Clerk...	.....	.....	.....	
Srijut Lalit Mohan Banerjee, Accountant .	.....	.....	.....	
Munshi Fearuddin Ahmed, Clerk ...	.....	.....	.....	
Srijut Harendra Nath Bose, Clerk ...	A house in the town...	.....	.....	
,, Nabakumar Brahma, Clerk ...	Ditto. ...	.....	.....	

State next showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1927-1928.—(Concluded.)

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation.	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Dinhata.				
Srijut Nagendra Nath Ray, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Triguna Charan Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	A basha in the town...	.....	.....	
„ Jagat Chandra Bhatta, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	Do. and some Jotes & Chukanies in Dinhata & a basha at Sudder.	.....	.....	
„ Chandra Mohan Sond, 3rd clerk & Additonal Peshkar.	Some Jotes & Chukanis in this Sub-division.	.....	.....	
Munshi Renzat Hossein, 4th Clerk ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
Srijut Kumud Bandhu Biswas, Accountant	A basha in the town...	.....	.....	
„ Purna Chandra Talukdar, Accounts Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Parbati Charan Roy, Accounts Clerk.	Shares of Chukanis and basha at Dinhata.	.....	.....	
Munshi Ahiar Rahaman Sarkar, Poddar...	Shares of Jotes and Chukani in the State.	.....	.....	
Srijut Pravash Chandra Bhattacharjee, Dewani Clerk.	A basha in this town...	.....	.....	
„ Kshitish Chandra Bhattacharjee. Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
Munshi Baktaruddin Ahmed, Rent Suit Clerk.	A basha in Dinhata town & some jotes & chukanis in that Sub-division.	.....	.....	
Sjt. Shashi Bhusan Guha, Comparing Clerk	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga.				
Munshi Abdul Hossein Ahmed, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	A basha in the town	Wife.	.....	
Srijut Bankim Chandra Mazumdar, 3rd Clerk and Additional Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Atul Chandra Ray, Dewani Clerk ..	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Jatindra Nath Kar, Rent Clerk ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Dhirendra Nath Chakravartti, Additional Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Surendra Mohan Brahma, Accountant	A basha & some jotes in Mathabhanga.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
Munshi Nasiruddin Ahmed, Accounts Clerk.	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
Mekligunj.				
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	A house in taluk Khagrabari & jotes and Brahmatter lands in Sudder.	.....	.....	
„ Ashutosh Dutt, Head Clerk and Sheristadar	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
„ Dhirendra Nath Ray, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Nanda Kumar Barman, 3rd Clerk...	Some Chukanis in this Sub-division.	.....	.....	
„ Nibaran Chandra Roy, Accountant.	A basha in the town and the other in Mathabhanga and some jotes	.....	.....	
„ Mohendra Nath Adhikari, Accounts Clerk.	A house in the Mekligunj and some jotes.	.....	.....	
„ Indra Mohan Das, Poddar ...	A house in taluk Lothamari & some jotes in that Subdivision.	.....	.....	
„ Harendra Nath Ray, Dewani Clerk	.....			
„ Sarat Chandra Mozumdar, Rent Suit Clerk.	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
„ Chandra Mohan Sarkar, Buxi ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Rajendra Nath Das, Buxi ...	A house in taluk Kharkharia & some chukani lands.	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameens employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.				Time employed.	Number of Ameens.	CHARGES.			Number of Ameen's peons.	PROCESS FEES.			AMEEN'S PEON'S CHARGES.			REMARKS.
		Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Civil Judge		99	0	0	17 days						3	8	0				
Assistant Civil Judge		346	0	0	62 ,,						27	0	0				
Sudder Naib Ahilkar		126	0	0	24 ,,						12	8	0				
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil) ...		198	0	0	36 ,,						16	8	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...		21	0	0	3 ,,						2	0	0				
Ditto, Dinhata (Civil) ...		132	0	0	24 ,,	1	(a) 1,310	15	6		12	8	0	261	9	2	(a) This includes Rs. 11-15-6 for Contingencies.
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...		135	0	0	21 ,,						9	8	0				
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil) ...		195	0	0	39 ,,						19	0	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...		230	0	0	40 ,,						.....	...	...				
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil) ...		.....			.....						.....	...	...				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...		.....			.....												
Total ...		1,482	0	0	266 days	1	1,310	15	6	2	102	8	0	261	9	2	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1927-1928.

NAMES OF COURTS.	Number of processes issued.	Process-service fees.	Number of processes served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		
Civil.						
Civil Judge's Court	8,846	1,054 0 0	3,749	9,708 12 1	10·8 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,740	1,473 8 0	1,641			
Toofangunj ditto	1,902	1,656 4 0	1,913	1,173 13 0	4·56 "	
Dinhata ditto	2,026	1,849 8 0	1,886	1,611 13 1	10·09 "	
Mathabhanga ditto	3,638	2,039 8 0	2,101	1,756 10 2	6·8 "	
Mekliganj ditto	1,081	931 0 0	951	1,368 3 10	6·7 "	
Rent.						
Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	5,431	4,918 12 0	5,240	.....	.....	
Sudder Rent Suit ditto.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Toofangunj ditto	1,706	1,584 8 0	1,718	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	8,306	7,534 8 0	7,919	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	6,422	5,719 4 0	5,393	.....	.....	
Mekliganj ditto	2,741	3,271 12 0	2,703	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts.						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,085	783 8 0	1,067	.....	.....	
Toofangunj ditto	114	84 8 0	112	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	920	727 4 0	860	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,205	919 12 0	1,076	.....	.....	
Mekliganj ditto	295	234 4 0	268	.....	.....	
Total ...	42,458	34,781 12 0	38,597	15,619 4 2	.....	

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FROM

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Judicial Member, Regency Council, Cooch Behar.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 10th July 1928.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1927-28. The usual Annual Returns Nos. I to X are hereto appended.

2. *Charge.*—The charge of the office of Registrar of Deeds was held by Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B. L., from the beginning of the year till the 30th of November 1927 and by Srijut Satindra Nath Guha, B. L., for the rest of the year.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registars.*—The following table shews the personnel of Sub-Registrars in the several Registration offices in the State:—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employments.
Sudder ...	Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April, 1927 to the 31st of March 1928.
Dinhata ...	" Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Sub-Rsgistrar.	From the 1st of April to the 16th of October 1927 and from the 16th of November 1927 to the 31st of March 1928.
Ditto ..	" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 17th of October 1927 to the 15th of November 1927.
Mathabhanga ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April 1927 to the 31st of March 1928.
Mekligunj ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Sub-Registrar.	Ditto
Tufangunj ...	" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April 1927 to the 2nd of January 1928 and from the 23rd to the 31st of March 1928.
Ditto ...	" Niranjan Sen Gupta, MA., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 3rd of January to the 22nd of March 1928.

4. *Variations as regards documents, compulsory and optional.*—Table No. I compares the numbers of documents, compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under report with those of the previous year. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory, was 13,403 against 11,589 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 1,814 deeds. The number of deeds of which registration is optional, was 7,720 against 6,938 of the year previous, shewing an increase of 782 deeds.

5. *Variations as regards the different kinds of documents presented for registration.*—Table No. II compares the numbers of documents of different kinds presented for registration during the year under report with those of the previous year The total number of documents of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 21,123 against 18,527 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 2,596 deeds.

6. The increases and decreases under the different heads of documents are shewn below:—

Increases.—	
Gifts	57
Sales	1,027
Usufructuary mortgages	81
Simple mortgages	748
Leases	756
Total ...	2,669
Decreases.—	
Obligations for payment of money	2
Wills	4
Miscellaneous	68
Total ...	73

The increases under heads "Sales", "Usufructuary mortgages" and "Simple mortgages" are due to the bad economic condition of the people owing to the low price of jute which prevailed during the year under report.

The small increase of 756 deeds under head "Leases" is due to the fact that after the distribution of the new Settlement Terijes, in which the actual area of the holdings and the new jama according to the sanctioned scale are recorded, settlement of the khash lands in possession of the jotedars and the undertenants which were no longer required for their own use, were made during the year under report.

The increases and decreases under the other heads are small and call for no explanation.

7. *Variations as regards the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices.*—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices during the year under report with that of the previous year.

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1926-27.	1927-28.		
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,341	5,621	280	.....
Dinhata office	4,317	5,267	950	.....
Mathabhanga do.	3,326	4,153	827	.....
Mekliganj do.	2,342	2,367	25	.....
Tufanganj do.	3,201	3,715	514	.....
Total	18,527	21,123	2,596	.....

8. *Number of deeds actually registered.*—Of the 21,123 deeds presented for registration 43 were refused registration and 32 were pending at the close of the year and the remaining 21,048 deeds were actually registered. Besides these, 3 documents were admitted to registration during the year under report out of those pending for registration from the previous year. Thus the the total number of deeds actually registered during the year was 21,051.

9. *Progress in the work of copying.*—Of the 21,051 deeds admitted to registration none remained uncopied at the end of the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds.*—The Registrar of Deeds registered 14 deeds in year under report against 16 of the previous year, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 157 against Rs. 156 of the previous year.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act.*—One Joint Stock Company under the name and designation of the "Mathabhanga Bank Limited" was registered under the Companies Act during the year under report. The amount of fees realised under the above Act during the year amounted to Rs. 125 which was duly credited in the Treasury.

12. *Appeals and petitions.*—There were only 3 applications under section 73 of the Registration Act before the Registrar for disposal during the year under review. All of them were disposed of within the year.

13. *Receipts.*—The total receipts under all heads during the year amounted to Rs. 23,286-3 against Rs. 21,516-6 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,769-13. The increase is due to the increase in the number of deeds presented for registration.

14. *Disbursements.*—The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 12,229-1-6 against Rs. 12,271-8-7 of the year previous, shewing a decrease of Rs. 42-7-1.

15. *Net gain to the State.*—The net balance received by the State during the year was Rs 11,057-1-6 against Rs. 9,244-13-5 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,812-4-1.

16. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.*—All the Sub-Registrars received a fixed uniform registration allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem.

17. *Conduct of Officers.*—All the Sub-Registrars and the ministerial staff generally worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
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Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Registration Deaprtment, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.*

YEARS.	Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realized on documents presented for registration.
				Rs. A. P.
1926-1927	11,589	6,938	18,527	19,298 4 0
1927-1928	13,403	7,720	21,123	20,774 8 0
Increase	1,814	782	2,596	1,476 4 0
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....

II.—*Comparative table showing the number of deeds of different classes presented for registration during the years 1926-27 and 1927-28.*

YEARS.	Gifts.	Sales.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Simple mortgages.	Leases.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1926-1927	225	7,363	500	2,860	5,778	502	21	1,278	18,527
1927-1928	282	8,390	581	3,608	6,534	501	17	1,210	21,123
Increase... ...	57	1,027	81	748	756	...	...	...	2,596
Decrease... ...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	4	68	...

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*

OFFICES.	Gifts.	Sales.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Simple mortgages	Leases.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices ...	54	2,105	106	902	1,934	118	6	896	5,621
Dinhata office	58	2,227	22	775	1,663	162	4	356	5,267
Mathabhanga do	82	1,733	88	868	1,021	137	3	221	4,153
Mekligunj do	55	1,017	346	567	302	24	1	55	2,367
Tufangunj do	33	1,308	19	496	1,614	60	3	182	3,715
TOTAL ...	282	8,390	581	3,608	6,534	501	17	1,210	21,123

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IV.—*Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1927-1928.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.					Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	Fines &c	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.			
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	5,713 6 0	140 4 0	5,853 10 0	3,526 13 3	993 2 9	600 0 0	.....	5,120 0 0	.....	733 10 0	733 10 0
Dinhata ...	5,416 2 0	40 0 0	5,456 2 0	1,320 0 8	75 5 0	600 0 0	.....	1,995 5 8	.....	3,460 12 4	3,460 12 4
Mathabhanga ...	5,056 10 0	82 4 0	5,138 14 0	1,058 0 0	65 11 7	600 0 0	.....	1,723 11 7	.....	3,415 2 5	3,415 2 5
Mekligunj ...	3,369 3 0	199 0 0	3,568 3 0	949 0 0	82 10 6	600 0 0	.....	1,631 10 6	.....	1,936 8 6	1,936 8 6
Tufangunj ...	3,233 10 0	35 12 0	3,269 6 0	1,099 7 0	65 6 0	593 8 9	.....	1,758 5 9	.....	1,511 0 3	1,511 0 3
Total ...	22,788 15 0	497 4 0	23,286 3 0	7,953 4 11	1,282 3 10	2,993 8 9	.....	12,229 1 6	.....	11,057 1 6	11,057 1 6

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V.—*Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.*

Gifts.		Sales.		Usufructuary mortgages.		Simple mortgages.		Leases.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No	Fees.
	Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.
1	6 12	8	66 12	...	...	3	62 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20 12	14	157 0

VI.—*Table shewing progress in the work of copying.*

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds remained to be copied.	Refused.	Pending.	Pending deeds of previous year admitted.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,603	.....	5	16	8	
Dinhata	5,250	.....	13	4	...	
Mathabhanga	4,130	.....	15	8	...	
Mekliganj	2,365	.....	2	...	...	
Toofanganj	3,703	.....	8	4	...	

VII.—*Abstract statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1927-1928.

OFFICES.	Number of Deeds presented for Registration.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	3,330	2,291	8,14,714	5,853 10 0	3,526 13 3	600 0 0	.....	993 2 9
Dinhata	3,173	1,894	5,59,280	5,456 2 0	1,720 0 8	600 0 0	.....	75 5 0
Mathabhanga	2,582	1,571	8,46,713	5,138 14 0	1,056 0 0	600 0 0	.....	65 11 7
Mekliganj	1,665	792	7,04,883	3,568 3 0	949 0 0	600 0	.....	82 10 6
Toofanganj	2,473	1,262	5,13,372	3,269 6 0	1,099 7 0	593 8 9	.....	65 6 0
TOTAL ...	13,403	7,720	34,38,992	23,286 3 0	7,933 4 11	2,993 8 9	.....	1,282 3 10

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VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements for the years 1926-27 and 1927-28.*

Years.	Number of deeds registered.		Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1926-27 ...	11,589	6,938	21,516 6 0	7,059 4 1	3,924 15 4	1,287 5 2	.....	12,271 8 7	9,244 13 5
1927-28 ...	13,403	7,720	23,286 3 0	7,953 4 11	2,993 8 9	1,282 3 10	.....	12,229 1 6	11,057 1 6
Increase ...	1,814	782	1,769 13 0	894 0 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,812 4 1
Decrease ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	931 6 7	5 1 4	.....	42 7 1	.....

IX.—*Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.*

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder	.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Dinhata	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mathabhanga ...	.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Mekligunj	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Toofangunj	.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Total ...	.....	...	3	3	3	...	3	...

X.—*Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.*

Gifts.	Sales.	Usufructuary Mortgages.	Simple mortgages.	Leases.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·01	·89	·02	·17	·30	·02	·0008	·05

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